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CENTRE FOR YOUTH

CLUB TO BE OPENED AT RAMSGATE

A Youth Movement has been started in Ramsgate.

The Ramsgate Centre is being organised by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) and draws its inspiration from Guildford.

At Guildford there are seven Youth Clubs with a membership of over two thousand young people, and during a recent visit Alderman Kempe had an opportunity of addressing them.

At the invitation of the Guildford Youth Movement, 20 Ramsgate boys and girls paid a visit to the Surrey town at Whitsun and it is this group who will form the nucleus of the Ramsgate Youth Movement.

At the invitation of the Mayor the visitors to Guildford, together with a number of friends, were entertained to tea at Clarendon House on Saturday and they were addressed by Alderman W. C. Redman, chairman of Margate Education Committee, and Mr. J. C. Aspden, Margate Director of Education, who are largely responsible for the Margate Youth Movement.

As a result of the informal discussion which followed the Youth Movement in Ramsgate was born and the club headquarters will be at the old vicarage in Chapel-place, which is being renovated for the purpose.

In the meantime the old vicarage garden will be used for outdoor recreation and the gymnasium at Clarendon House for indoor activities.

Membership is open to boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 21 and the membership fee will be three halfpence a week for those under 16 and threepence a week for those over 16.

It is recognised that a person's character is largely influenced by the training and associations of early manhood and womanhood, and the Youth Movement has an important part to play in the life of Ramsgate. Its activities will not be confined to recreation. There will be instruction in various subjects and an opportunity will be provided to enable the young people to express themselves and fit themselves for the future.

Associated with the Mayor in the introduction of the Youth Movement to Ramsgate are the Mayoress and Mrs. D. Peete, the Mayor's secretary.

ESCAPE FROM SINGAPORE

MARGATE MAN'S ADVENTURE

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Cox, of Margate, and brother of Mrs. E. Kennard, of Victoria-avenue, Margate, Mr. Charles D. Cox, manager of the P. and O. Bank at Singapore, was one of the last civilians to leave before the capture of Singapore by the Japanese.

The boat on which Mr. Cox left the island was attacked by Japanese bombers and sunk. He was wounded in three places but with other survivors managed to get ashore on an uninhabited island. They were without food but after walking for some miles were picked up by a naval vessel and taken to Bombay.

An old boy of Margate Commercial School, Mr. Cox had been in Singapore for many years. During the last war he served in the Army in Singapore and France and was commissioned lieutenant.

DIED ON BIRTHDAY

RAMSGATE MAN'S COLLAPSE IN PARK

An employee of Ramsgate Corporation for 30 years, Mr. George Albert Solly, a single man, who lived with his father at 20 Cecilia-road, was taken ill and died suddenly on Friday afternoon—his 45th birthday.

While at work in Ellington Park Solly complained of feeling unwell. He went into a shed for a time to rest and then told the park keeper that he was all right. He went to get his bicycle, presumably to go home, but collapsed and died before the arrival of a doctor.

As death was due to natural causes an inquest was not considered necessary.

A PHOTOGRAPH FROM POLAND

Mrs. Snapes, of 67 Seafield-road, Ramsgate, has received a group photograph of prisoners of war at Stalag XX B, Poland, among whom is her son, Sgt. Joseph Snapes, The Buffs.

A married man aged 27 years, whose wife lives at Barnet, Herts, Sgt. Snapes is an old boy of Hereson School and enlisted in the Army before the war. He was taken prisoner in May, 1940.

For some time he was employed in work on the roads and in recent letters reports that he has been in hospital but is now about again.

PARCELS FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

Arrangements are being made by Ramsgate W.V.S. to organise a house-to-house penny-a-week collection in aid of the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation which sends regular parcels to all our prisoners of war.

Relatives of local prisoners of war are also invited to communicate with W.V.S. headquarters, 14 Effingham-street, Ramsgate, with a view to getting into touch with one another for the exchange of news.

You must read the Friday "Thanet" to keep abreast of local affairs.

CLASH WITH POLICE

REINFORCEMENTS CALLED IN

Soldiers Arrested At Birchington

As a result of a hostile demonstration by soldiers, after two of their number had been taken into custody, police reinforcements had to be sent from Margate to Birchington on Friday evening.

Windows at an inn and a cafe were broken and a number of arrests were made.

When the incidents were related before the magistrates at Margate police court on Saturday it was stated that a few soldiers tried to incite over a hundred others by demanding the release of two men who were under arrest.

Pte. Ernest Reginald Day, 20, pleaded guilty to conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace by fighting in Birchington square.

P/C Farley said he was in the police box at Birchington square at 10 p.m. when he heard shouting outside. In company with P/C Colyer, he went out and saw a crowd of soldiers standing at the entrance to the New Inn yard. Day and another man were fighting. They were separated by witness and P/C Colyer and cautioned.

Witness returned to the police box but ten minutes later he heard another disturbance and went out with P/C Colyer. Day and another soldier named Lewis were fighting among a crowd of soldiers outside the New Inn. Witness arrested Day, who was sober, and P/C Colyer arrested Lewis.

Lost His Beer.

Day said the trouble started in a public-house when he bought a pint of beer and a soldier, who had apparently had too much to drink, smacked him, knocking the glass out of his hand. He smacked him back and as there was trouble he went outside. Defendant said he was not fighting but only arguing.

Recalled, P/C Farley said there was definitely an exchange of blows, and there was a possibility of other soldiers joining in.

Day said it was not Lewis whom he hit in the public-house.

An Army officer said Day had a very good conduct sheet during the six months he had been with the unit.

"Was last night a special occasion of any sort?" asked the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan).

"It was pay night," replied the officer.

The Magistrates' Clerk: But that happens weekly.

The officer: Pay night, but not this sort of thing.

Day was bound over for six months to keep the peace.

Ernest Arthur Lewis, aged 19, pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly.

P/C Colyer said he saw Lewis fighting with Day. While witness was taking him to the police box, Lewis resisted and broke away. Witness chased him for about 150 yards along Canterbury-road before catching him. A number of soldiers followed and adopted an aggressive attitude towards witness, but with the assistance of other police officers he took him to the police box. Lewis was definitely drunk.

Examined by Doctor.

Contending that he was not fighting, Lewis said he was afterwards examined by a doctor and not a mark was found on his body.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said that after he had been brought to the police station defendant complained of pain in his chest. The police surgeon was summoned and examined him but could not find any injury.

Lewis said he had just come out of detention and went to have a drink.

The Magistrates' Clerk: You were celebrating the occasion?

Defendant: Yes, sir.

The officer said Lewis had been under 14 days detention for being absent for six hours, but generally he had not given any trouble.

"We had just moved from an isolated post, where the men were very much confined," added the officer. "Last night they had some money, and that may be the reason for this."

Lewis was fined 10s.

Addressing both Day and Lewis, the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) said their conduct was a strange method of celebrating, and it was a method which was not approved in this area.

Philip Hughes, aged 20, was charged with maliciously damaging the window of the Acorn Inn, Park-lane, to the extent of £5 10s. He pleaded guilty. He was further charged with damaging the windows of the Park-lane Cafe to the extent of £3 12s., and pleaded not guilty.

Threatened the Police.

Frank Roberts, licensee of the Acorn Inn, said about 10.45 p.m. he was in a private room at the back and his wife was in the private bar when he heard a crash of glass. Going into the private bar, he found an embossed plate glass window had been broken. He saw five or six soldiers go from his premises across to the Park-lane Cafe, where a window was broken.

R/P/C Martin said he was in the Square with W/R/C Pantony when defendant and other soldiers came up and demanded the release of the two soldiers who had previously been arrested. Several times witness advised them to go away quietly. They moved about in the Square, using threatening and abusive language to the police, and then went towards Park-lane. Hughes came back two or three times and made improper remarks. When about 20 yards up Park-lane the men broke into a run and witness saw defendant run past two others who were by a shop window. He had his cap over his hand, and with either his hand or elbow he smashed the window of the Acorn Inn.

Witness had a message for assistance sent to the police station and kept defendant in sight until the police car arrived. He was overtaken at Acol-hill Farm and arrested. When charged with breaking the window he replied "I don't think I did it." He was not drunk but was excited and in an aggressive mood.

Hughes told the bench he could not remember very clearly what he did, but he did not think he broke two windows.

Cut His Ankle.

On the second charge, R/P/C Martin said after leaving the Acorn Inn he saw defendant cross the road and kick in the window of the Park-lane Cafe. When arrested it was found that there was a considerable patch of blood on his sock and he had a fresh cut just above the left ankle.

Hughes said he was drunk and could not remember breaking that window. He had had quite a lot to drink.

The Chief Constable: You were in an aggressive mood and wanted to have a fight with someone?

Defendant: I don't think so.

The Chief Constable: You were advised to go away several times and were one of the leaders of the disturbance.

The officer said defendant's conduct was quite satisfactory.

Remarking that it would prove an expensive celebration, the Mayor said Hughes would be fined 10s. on each charge and ordered to pay £2 10s. towards the damage in each case, making a total of £6.

"We hope it will be a lesson to you that we cannot tolerate this foolery," said the Mayor. "We are determined to put a stop to it."

Four privates, Cyril Smith, 21, George Arnold Baker, 19, Donald Frederick Williams, 19, and Reginald Bewsher, 19, were charged with being concerned together in maliciously damaging No. 2 Park-lane to the extent of 18s., the property of Mr. Spiro.

They all pleaded not guilty.

Cheered Falling Glass.

R/C Martin said the four defendants and another soldier came to the police box and demanded the release of two men who had been arrested. They took up positions in the Square and used abusive and threatening language to witness and W/R/C Pantony. They then went into Park-lane and there was a crash of glass. Witness saw Baker with his hand raised and his fist covered with his cap. He ran away towards the others. As the glass fell on the footway the defendants cheered. As the police were too small in numbers to make an arrest, witness followed the men down Park-lane while a message was sent for assistance. The men were arrested near Acol-hill Farm. When charged, Smith and Baker denied breaking the windows and the other men did not make any statement.

In reply to the Chief Constable, witness said there were over a hundred soldiers about and they were being incited by the defendants, with the result that there was a likelihood of trouble.

W/R/C Pantony said he could recognise the defendants from among the men in the Square. They became very abusive and were asked to go home quietly. Witness saw Smith with his hand up just as the glass fell, but did not see him actually strike the window.

Smith denied smashing any window and said he was walking up the road when it happened.

Baker also denied breaking the windows.

Both Williams and Bewsher said they were further along the road when it happened.

Announcing that defendants wuold be fined 10s. each and ordered to pay 4s. 6d. each towards the damage, the Mayor said the magistrates must support the police in that prosecution. It was reprehensible that they should behave in that manner.

"While you are in this area," he added, "please try to act as men and not as silly boys."

The Chief Constable said it was the first disturbance of its kind which had occurred in the borough since the war started, and it was very regrettable. The absence of such behaviour showed that the conduct of the Army to-day was, generally, of a very high standard.

O.R. PROMOTED

An old boy of Chatham House School, Mr. Alan G. Daniels, son of Mr. G. E. F. Daniels, of Daniels (Kent) Ltd., estate agents, Broadstairs and Margate, who on the outbreak of war was serving as a gunner with a local A.A. battery and obtained commissioned rank in the R.A. in November, 1940, has now been promoted lieutenant.

MASKED SOLDIER

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON WOMAN

A black mask, stated to have been worn by a soldier who was alleged to have attacked a woman, was produced at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Before the court was Gnr. Lewis McNulty, aged 37, and he was charged with indecently assaulting a woman at the Warre Recreation Ground at about 10.30 p.m. the previous Thursday.

McNulty was committed for trial at Sandwich Quarter Sessions, to be held on 25th July, bail being allowed.

W/R Morgan said that at about 10.40 p.m. on Thursday he was off duty and cycling towards Newington bridge when the defendant passed him, running in the direction of St. Lawrence Church. When he reached the Warre Recreation Ground he met a woman and two men. The woman was very distressed and frightened. As a result of what she told him he chased the soldier and caught him in High-street, St. Lawrence. Witness asked defendant to produce proof of his identity but defendant refused to say anything. He took defendant to the police station.

The complainant, a telephonist in the National Fire Service, said she was returning home from the Oddfellows' Hall at about 10.30 on Thursday evening and as she was walking along the footpath in the Warre Recreation Ground saw a soldier coming towards her. She thought the man looked rather peculiar. He was wearing overalls and rubber shoes, and when he got nearer she saw he had something black over his face.

"I started to run away," said witness, "but he got hold of me. I struggled and screamed but eventually he got me on the ground."

Witness said that while on the ground the offence was committed. A man and woman then came round the corner and she asked them to help her. The man helped her to her feet and when she turned round to pick up her belongings the soldier had disappeared. She could not identify the soldier because she never saw his face.

Wilfrid Burgham, of Wilfred-road, Ramsgate, a miner employed at Chislet Colliery, who was returning home with his wife, said that as he turned into the Warre Recreation Ground he saw a man and woman on the ground. The woman's clothing was disarranged and she asked him to help her. She was very frightened. Defendant helped him to pick up the woman and when he asked defendant what was wrong with her he said she had been drinking. There were several articles on the ground, including a piece of black material. The woman made no complaint but asked him to help her home.

P/S Wait said when he took defendant into the charge room at the police station he said "I did it to get out of the Army." Witness left defendant to make further enquiries and at 11.35 p.m. saw the complainant. She was in a very agitated and distressed condition. On her left elbow were some abrasions which appeared to have been recently made and her stockings were torn.

On returning to the police station witness said he again saw defendant and told him it was alleged he had indecently assaulted a woman. Defendant replied "I did it to get out of the Army. I am fed up. All right, I will tell you about it."

Witness then read a statement alleged to have been made by defendant.

In the statement McNulty said he left his billet about 3.45 p.m. and walked to Pegwell Bay, where he sat beside the road for some time. He walked through St. Lawrence and along Newington-road and for two or three hours was talking to some soldiers. He left them at about 8 p.m. and roamed round the district. When it was dusk he returned in the direction from which he had come. He was hanging about when he saw a woman coming along. He put on a black mask and intended to assault the woman.

"I did this because I am fed up with the Army," continued the statement. "I thought that was the only way I could get my ticket out of it."

An officer stated that if released on bail defendant would carry out his ordinary duties but would not be permitted to go on leave.

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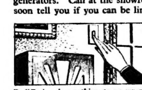

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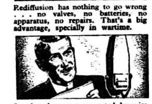

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MARGATE DIVORCE

HUSBAND WHO STAYED OUT LATE

In the Divorce Court on Friday, before the President, Mrs. Elsie Margaret Roberts, of Arthur-road, Margate, petitioned for a decree nisi against her husband, Raymond Stanley Roberts, on the ground of his adultery.

The suit was undefended.

The marriage was in October, 1927, at Holy Trinity Church, Margate, and they lived at various addresess and at Arthur-road, Margate. There are two children. At the time of the marriage respondent was a bus driver employed at Margate, and is now a driver in the A.R.P.

According to the petitioner's case the married life, after a short time, became very unhappy. Her husband stayed out late and said he wanted to go his way and she could go hers. When she taxed him about another woman, he said it did not concern her. In September, 1939, he left her, giving her no reason, and she now alleged his association with a young woman whom he refused to give up. She charged adultery at an address in Gordon-road, Gillingham, where respondent stayed with a woman for five months in 1940.

After hearing the evidence, his lordship granted Mrs. Roberts a decree nisi with the custody of the children.

SAUCY ERRAND BOY

FINED FOR CYCLING IN PASSAGE

A 17-year-old errand boy, Cecil John Douglas, of Ramsgate-road, Broadstairs, was fined 10s. at Ramsgate police court on Monday for riding a cycle in Tomson's-passage.

W/R Halliday said he was on duty outside Clarendon House on 20th May when he saw defendant riding a tradesman's cycle up the passage. He called to defendant and he stopped. Witness asked defendant if he had seen the notice which stated that cycling was prohibited and defendant replied "I have not looked." When witness told defendant that he would be reported to the Chief Constable he replied "You can please yourself. I don't care."

Defendant told the magistrates he was in a hurry and took a short cut. There was no notice at the end of the passage by which he entered.

C/I Butcher said that following the suggestion made by the bench some time ago when a similar case was before them, notices were being prepared. This case came along in the meantime and the Chief Constable decided to prosecute in view of the attitude of the defendant.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) said it was not compulsory for notices to be exhibited on all footways otherwise they would have to have notices all over the town.

Announcing the fine the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said public notice had been given to the matter and in addition defendant had been very saucy.

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Ex-P/C Hadaway, who was 72 years of age, joined the force in December, 1893, and retired after 26 years service. His elder brother William was also a member of the force.

Mr. Hadaway was predeceased by his wife in January, 1940.

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SITUATIONS available in greyhound racing kennels (London tracks); wages £2 per week; living accommodation found; holidays with pay; Youths 16-18 years, experienced in hound or stable work, preferred.—Write, Box 150, c/o Pool's Advertising Service, Brettenham House, Strand, London, W.C.2.

COUNTRY ACCOMMODATION

BORDER Herts, Essex.—15th Cent. Farmhouse on village green, furnished; 3-4 bed, 2 reception, kitchen, bath, h.c., telephone, electric cooker, main water, large orchard; 4 gns. per week.—Mearns, 281 Russell-court, London, W.C.1. †24

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SUNCAR or small Folding Pushchair wanted; modern style preferred.—Write, stating price, to Box 619, "Advertiser" Office, Ramsgate. †26

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ALSATIAN Puppy Dog, thoroughbred, wanted, preferably dark coat.—Apply, Wcislicki, Shalimar, York-terrace, Ramsgate. 25

FOR SALE

CREOSOTE or Tar (not for roads), 40 gallons 55/- delivered; free barrels; Land Pipes, all sizes.—Frank Coopers, Builders' Merchants, Canterbury. 72

REMOVALS & STORAGE

HARDINGS Removal Service for removals to all parts by modern motor van; loads and part-loads required every day to and from London area; furniture warehoused for any period; estimates free; compare our charges with those of others.—Send postcard or call, Hardings, Removers and Storers, Staffordshire - street, Turner-street, Ramsgate. 'Phone 200.

LIVE STOCK

YOUNG Does, four months old, 5/6; large Does in kindle, 12/-; eight-weeks-old Rabbits, 2/-.—28 Staffordshire-street, Ramsgate. 24

LITERARY

AUTHORS invited submit MSS (especially Fiction and Poems) to London Publishers of 43 years standing; advice free.—Stockwell, Ltd., Elms-court, Ilfracombe (duration address). 28

C.D. RECREATION

Accommodation is to be set aside at Wellstood House for recreational facilities for the various Ramsgate Civil Defence services.

The personnel asked for central facilities in substitution for individual facilities for particular units, and the cost of blacking-out and lighting is to be borne by the Civil Defence Committee of the Town Council.

TUNNEL CANTEENS

During a recent visit to Ramsgate, Miss P. E. Hatton, a Shelter Feeding Officer of the Ministry of Food, expressed satisfaction with the construction and operation of the canteens in the tunnel shelters.

On Miss Hatton's suggestion, a requisition is to be submitted to the Ministry for the supply of two confectionery cases.

Emergency food stocks have been supplied by the Ministry of Food in connection with the Emergency Meals Centres and the British Restaurants.

BOMB FUSE EXPLOSION

BOY SEVERELY INJURED

An accident which befell a Ramsgate boy last week should be a warning to all parents to impress on their children that on no account should they handle missiles which they may find from time to time.

The accident might well have cost the life of Patrick McCleary, aged 14, of 7 Grosvenor-road, Ramsgate.

While out for a walk on Saturday, 30th May, the boy met an Army corporal who was carrying a rifle and said he was out to shoot duck. The boy found an article which the corporal said was a mortar bomb fuse, which had gone off. He said McCleary could keep it, and that it was "all right."

The boy took the article home with him and on Monday was taking it to his father's backyard lodge when he dropped it.

As the missile exploded the boy placed his right hand in front of his face. Both his legs below the knees were pitted with metal fragments, several pieces lodged in his face, and his right hand was badly pitted, the first and third fingers being severely injured.

The boy was rushed to Ramsgate General Hospital and it was at first thought that his right hand would have to be amputated.

Had McCleary not put his hand up to his face as the fuse exploded the accident might well have cost him his life.

No matter how much care is exercised, dangerous missiles are bound to be found from time to time and no pains should be spared to impress on children that on no account should they be touched.

LAST WAGGON RIDE

FARM WORKER'S FUNERAL

When the funeral took place at St. Peter's last week of Mr. Edwin Measday, a retired farm worker, the coffin was conveyed to the churchyard on a horse-drawn farm waggon.

A widower, Mr. Measday, who died at his home, 7 Northdown-road, St. Peter's, aged 78 years, worked for many years for the late Mr. E. S. Goodson, of Upton Farm, and was employed at Sowell-street Farm until a few years ago. A native of St. Nicholas, he was a member of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows.

He leaves four sons and two daughters.

At the funeral service conducted by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, several of his old fellow workers were in attendance, and the family mourners present were Mr. and Mrs. P. Measday, Mr. and Mrs. F. Measday and Mr. and Mrs. H. Measday (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. W. Measday (son), Mr. and Mrs. C. Hall (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. N. Read (sister), Mr. C. Measday (brother), Mr. C. Cayley (brother-in-law) and Mr. G. Gibbines and Mrs. H. Ingleton (friends).

REST CENTRE TESTS

W.V.S. CONGRATULATED

Mrs. Blinko and members of the Ramsgate W.V.S. have been congratulated by officials of the Public Assistance Department upon the excellence of their work during recent practise tests at the local Rest Centres.

"Not only was the rest centre opened with most commendable speed," wrote Mr. E. F. Webb, regarding a test at Ellington School, "but everything had obviously been well thought out and the ladies quite clearly thoroughly understood their duties. . . . One of the things that struck me most was the great willingness and cheerfulness shown by those taking part."

Of the efficient way in which the W.V.S. dealt with further test calls at Hereson and St. George's Rest Centres, Mr. J. W. Woods wrote to Mrs. Blinko "It is obvious that your staffs must have taken great interest in their duties to have answered the calls as speedily and methodically as they did. A very pleasing feature was the fact that your staffs were quite prepared and did administer temporary first aid dressings as well as clothing to persons who were presumed to be in need of same. . . . If these centres should ever be needed I am confident that you and your organisation will answer all the requests made upon you in your capacity as Rest Centre Staff."

BROADSTAIRS TEMPLARS' VISITORS

Visiting members provided an enjoyable programme at the meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., at the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday.

Mrs. O. E. Fennell, Chief Templar, who presided, welcomed Mr. L. Parker, Visiting Deputy, and visiting members, who included Mrs. Drayson, Mrs. Larkin, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Britton, Mrs. Fairbrass, Mrs. Overton, Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Pottle.

Fraternal greetings and good wishes were received from Cpl. T. Lockwood, R.A.S.C., Sig. H. McCabe, R.C.S., Pte. R. Pointer, Pte. A. H. Baker, Gnr. L. W. Kemp, Gnr. R. H. Whiteley, Mrs. E. Kemp, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. E. McCabe, Mrs. and Miss H. Kennett, Mrs. W. Joyce, Mr. A. Overton and Mr. M. D. Faulkner. Fraternal greetings were also received from the Hope of Whitstable, Isle of Thanet, Sunbeam and Advance Lodges.

Mr. and Mrs. Caspell were given a very hearty welcome, Mr. Caspell paying his first visit to the lodge since he was taken seriously ill over a year ago.

The treasurer, Mr. T. E. McCabe, reported that the sum of £2 7s. was being sent to the secretary of the Amalgamated Societies Hospital Fund as a result of the gathering the previous week.

The intercession service was conducted by the lodge chaplain, Mr. A. B. Impett, P.D.S.J.W.

The musical programme was contributed to by Mrs. Hawes, Mrs. Lowe, Miss Pottle, Mr. J. Field, Mr. L. Parker, and Mrs. R. A. Watt.

C.D. AND HOME GUARD

Ramsgate Civil Defence Committee have expressed the view that wherever possible facilities should be given to Civil Defence personnel to join the Home Guard and have asked the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis) and the Sub-Controller (Mr. S. F. Butler) to take whatever steps they deem to be necessary to secure this object.

The town's mobile canteen is to be used for serving refreshments to the Home Guard on Sunday morning exercises, and the W.V.S. have been asked to arrange a rota of ladies to serve the canteen on these occasions.

RAMSGATE FINANCES

A LITTLE LESS DIFFICULT

RATE UNCHANGED

Ramsgate's financial position is improving slightly.

A hint of the improvement was given by Alderman J. J. White, chairman of the Finance Committee, when the Council on Thursday approved a rate of 15s. 3d. in the £—the same as for the preceding year.

When the rate estimates were prepared last year, said Alderman White, it was anticipated—with a little apprehension—that the product of a rate of 1d. in the £ would yield £480, or rather less than one half of the pre-war yield. Although the general economic position remains unchanged, the fact that the yield of 1d. in the £ is approximately £500 is refreshing evidence that—if anything—the situation is a little less difficult than 12 months ago.

The rate of 15s. 3d. is payable in two instalments—10s. 2d. in the £ on the making of the rate and 5s. 1d. on 1st October.

The rate of 10s. 3d. which applies to the parish of St. Lawrence Extra and that part of Minster within the borough is payable by instalments of 6s. 10d. and 3s. 5d.

The budget speech to the Council was one of the shortest on record.

Alderman White said that the previous year he departed from the well established custom of giving a detailed report upon savings or overspendings, and comparing the estimate with the provisions made 12 months previously. Once again he was precluded from discussing the results of trading undertakings and there seemed to be little value in comparing non-trading activities when the expenditure was controlled largely by day-to-day considerations.

No Easy Task.

Referring to the difficulty of framing estimates, Alderman White instanced the Finance Committee, where they had to face bank charges amounting to £2,377 and war damage contributions amounting to £1,100, of which they had no previous knowledge. The Civil Defence Committee had overspent by £3,500 but the law of averages came in and the actual expenditure of £173,999 was only £376 above the figure estimated a year previously.

The net expenditure for the Council's own requirements to be met from rate at £159,734 was approximately £21,000 less than the corresponding figure the previous year. This reduction was accounted for almost entirely by the reduction in the rate requirements of the Education Committee because of savings brought forward and smaller expenditure for the current year. The position was peculiar to the present year and could not be repeated.

Next year, when they came to consider the estimates, they would have to find a further £10,000, even though the requirements of the Education Committee were the same as for the present year.

Government's Help.

Alderman White said the money they received from the Government in respect of Civil Defence Services in the town was rather more than 91 per cent., as against 88 per cent. last year. Their thanks were due to the Central Government for the help they were giving.

Alderman White said that the previous year he indicated the measure of Government assistance for 1941-42 to be in the region of £103,000. The actual financial assistance required to maintain an equilibrium between receipts and payments during the year just ended was £92,000. For 1942-43 it was anticipated that assistance amounting to £79,323 would be required, which was equivalent to a rate of approximately 13s. 7d. in the £.

"I think," continued Alderman White, "it may be well for me to place on record so that ratepayers may be aware of the vigilance of the Council, that an approach was made to the Ministry of Health to ascertain if full financial assistance would continue to be given if the rate to be levied were reduced below 15s. 3d. in the £, and members of the Council have been made aware of the conditions under which such a reduction could be made."

Seconding the adoption of the estimate, Councillor P. Turner paid tribute to the work put in by the Borough Treasurer (Mr. H. Oliver Jones) and the members of his staff. At the outbreak of war the staff in the accountancy department numbered 17, including the Treasurer. Eleven of those had now gone, mostly into the Forces. They had been replaced by ten women and two men and the two key men who remained had to supervise the work of 12 newcomers. The authorities responsible for the calling up of men did not seem to appreciate the difficulties under which they were working.

QUALITY HAY'S VITAL PART

Hay at its best is a milk-maker. It saves oil cake in the production ration, and can be given even to high yielding cows for use as roughage in their rations. This is the kind of hay that will play a vital part next winter when livestock feeding and milk production must be carried on in spite of greatly reduced supplies of concentrates.

Quality in hay is largely within the control of the farmer, depending much on the time it is cut. The earlier the cut, the better the hay. The younger, more leafy material is richer in protein and minerals than are the older, more stemmy grasses. It contains less fibre; it is more digestible. Of course, early cut hay is not made easily. It takes longer than more mature herbage to "win" before it can be safely stacked. It may seem dry, but it "comes back" in the evening. Such fodder will probably sweat and mould if stacked too soon.

On the other hand, if it is dried in strong sun and becomes brittle, much valuable leaf is lost. Gradual drying, with as much protection as possible from strong sunlight, makes the best hay. Cocking supplies the answer in most parts of the country.

Cocking is out of fashion in many parts of the country, but, especially with valuable cake-saving fodder to be dealt with, it is well worth while. Old hands may not take kindly to being taught the system, but much of the labour that will help to gather this year's hay crop will not present the farmers with a wall of prejudice. The method is simple. The hay is shaken, not rolled or pushed, from the windrow into a round pile built gradually from small forkfuls, turned over on to the centre in order to keep it high, with the hay sloping slightly downwards to the outer edge. The cock is finished to a blunt point and raked out with a fork around the base. Such a cock will settle slowly and evenly; it will shield the bulk of the hay from direct sunshine, and the well-made top will shed the rain.

Just one further point to keep in mind—hay such as this, well made and of good quality, deserves the best stacking the farmer-craftsman can devise.

OUR SHORT STORY

FATHER HILARY'S THIEF

by PIERRE AUDEMARS

On the altar stood the chalice, a vision of unbelievable stateliness and symmetry, a vision of beauty and loveliness and abiding grace—the chalice of Granson.

"I have a story to tell you about that chalice," said Father Hilary as we left the church and made our way up the steep path to his house. "Since you were here last, it was stolen—by a thief who was also a very remarkable man."

In the cool shade of his beautiful garden above the Corniche, he continued:

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I suppose the story really begins when Hans brought me a card and said that the gentleman, Paul Rostand, wished to see me. I went into the hall where he was waiting.

"I am sorry to dsturb you, Father," he began. "I am a student of antiquity. If you would be kind enough—I would like permission to look over the church when it is convenient——"

A small man, this Rostand, with a neat black beard and thick glasses, and the most beautiful hands I have ever seen, except perhaps for Lubin's. He was nervous at first, but as he spoke he seemed to gather confidence and the words flowed smoothly, effortlessly.

"I have heard that it was built on a site of great antiquity, and is itself rich in historical interest. The relics——"

"But certainly, M'sieu," I told him. "It is not an unusual request. But the church door is open throughout the day——"

"Ah, yes—I know. But I wondered if you would be kind enough to accompany me. You see, to have someone who knows explain——"

I was only too pleased, for as you know, I am proud of the church, and happy to make others proud, whenever I have the opportunity.

We walked to the church together, and Rostand stood amazed before the chalice.

"It is more than beautiful," he cried.

"It is unique," I replied. "Fourteenth century Augsburg work—one of the most interesting examples of the period."

With the remainder of the church he expressed a keen interest, lingering especially by the carved door, and the time passed quickly, for he knew what he was talking about.

"And this?" he asked, pointing to the scroll of the lectern. "This is wonderful work."

"Ah, yes—we are justly proud of our Lubin," I replied.

"But surely——"

"Yes—that was made by Lubin, our village silversmith. I should think he is the finest craftsman in the country—you will agree you have seldom, if ever, seen such magnificent work. At present he is making a pair of candlesticks for the altar—I am afraid he has been making them for a long time."

And I sighed, as I thought of Lubin. There was a question in Rostand's eyes, and so I explained.

"It is often the case with such talent, I am afraid. Three or four days' work at a terrific pressure, almost without rest, without sparing himself—and then—finish. He drinks until he is incapable. When he recovers, he goes back to work—for a few more days. And so it goes on—it is very sad."

"He must be an interesting man," remarked Rostand thoughtfully, as he fingered the intricate tracery of the chased scroll. "I should like to meet him—I am staying in the village for a few days."

"Do by all means—he lives in the white house opposite the fountain."

The Revealing Light.

A few nights later, as I was passing the church, I suddenly stopped in amazement. From inside the window there had gleamed for a moment a faint pencil of light, as if from a torch.

I felt in my pocket for the key, for I was sure that I had locked the door after the evening service, and walked quietly along the silent path.

When I reached the door I found it ajar, with another key, a new one, still in the lock.

I did not push the door, for the wood is old, and the iron studs make it heavy, but waited there quietly for what seemed a very long time.

At length the door opened from the inside, and I saw the figure of Rostand.

"Is it you, M'sieu Rostand?" I asked him gently. His hand went to his pocket in a flash, but I pretended not to notice and continued to speak. "Is this how you repay our kindness?"

For his coat had fallen aside, and in the moonlight I could see the dull gleam of the chalice.

He did not answer. Slowly his hand came out—empty. I took him by the arm.

"Come inside—in case anyone should pass."

Together we entered the church, where I lit a lamp, and faced him squarely.

"What manner of man are you—to come like a thief in the night, to steal a holy vessel from out of the house of God?"

Rostand took off his glasses, which were obviously a disguise, and in his dark eyes I was surprised to see suffering, and a great pain. The words came heavily and slowly—strangely unlike that smooth eloquence I remembered.

"Where I came from we knew no house of God. There was no God. No God lived there—only dirt and squalor and suffering, such as you can never have known.'"

"You are wrong," I told him gently. "Pain and suffering are everywhere. Why did you come to steal?"

"This chalice would bring bread and meat to many families, in the slums where I was born. Therefore, to my mind it has no place here. I do not pretend that I would have made such use of it—I stole it for myself."

There was a wistfulness in those heavy words the more poignant in that it was unconscious.

"The man who carved that chalice probably came from the gutter—from conditions far worse than yours. To it he gave part of his life—without such bitterness as yours. He gave—that is different, M'sieu Rostand, from taking."

There was more that I told him, but I will not repeat it here. I tried, as I always try, to reach that which lies, sometimes so deeply buried, beneath a man's nature.

We were still talking, when Rostand moved his arm in a strange groping gesture, and the chalice caught the light.

The Imitation Chalice.

In a moment we were both holding the chalice beneath the light, and I must confess that my first thought was only of admiration, for this replica was the work of a genius, and my heart went out to the unknown craftsman who had attempted such a task.

Rostand's voice brought me back to reality, and now his tone was quick and eager.

"It is an imitation—you can tell that?"

"Yes—it would have passed on the altar but not under the light. You are not the only thief we have in Granson, M'sieu Rostand."

Perhaps it was the weariness and the great bitterness in my voice which decided him—which turned the scale in the balance. His hands gestured nervously, excitedly, but no words came.

When I raised my head he had gone, and I was alone.

It was only afterwards that I learnt what happened next.

It was Lubin, of course—he was the only man who could have attempted such a thing, and the only man who had the necessary opportunities to study and measure the real chalice in the church. I do not know if I would have suspected him, for it is hardly my place to suspect people. I always look for the good in everyone, and le bon Dieu knows I always find it.

But Rostand knew. That was his trade. He had gone to see Lubin, to admire the half-finished candlesticks. And he had noticed the gold dust on his bench, and faint traces of the same metal on the edges of his gravers. The candlesticks were of silver, and Rostand drew his own conclusions.

He went back that same night to Lubin's house, and apparently he was only just in time. Lubin was ready to go.

And Rostand, with a revolver in his hand, did not take back the real chalice, that is the amazing part of it. No—he bought it back.

He paid Lubin for three years' work, over and above the cost of the false rubies and the gold. I told you he was a remarkable man.

Lubin himself told me and showed me the money, which I made him keep. After all, he had earned it, and perhaps if he had not been so much in need of it, the temptation would never have come to him.

But on that next day when Lubin came to me, of Rostand and the real chalice, and the chalice Lubin had made—there was no trace.

I learnt afterwards what had happened.

Rostand went to Paris and took a room at the Hotel Magnifique. When he was alone he measured the chalice carefully, went out to a firm of jewellers' sundriesmen, and gave an order on condition that it was delivered early the next morning.

Then he telephoned Reuss, the antique dealer.

Apparently Reuss was the one man who could have bought the chalice of Granson. Fabulously rich, he did not bother overmuch, so rumour had it, with the origin of his purchases, provided that they were genuine. His clientele consisted of wealthy connoisseurs, who paid cash at once and who took their purchases with that curiously secretive mania which grows with the acquisition of beautiful things, safely away into the privacy of their collections.

"You do not know me, M'sieu Reuss," said Rostand over the telephone. "But I have something to sell which will interest you—a fourteenth century chalice. If you care to come to-morrow to see it first, without obligation—yes, Hotel Magnifique, first floor. Rostand is the name."

Reuss came, like a homing pigeon, to see the chalice. It was standing on the table, in a presentation case, with the folding doors open.

Biter Bit.

Reuss's eyes glistened as he examined it carefully and recognised it, but Rostand would not answer any of his questions, saying that he had been entrusted with its sale by a friend. The price was a quarter of a million francs.

Reuss was experienced enough not to argue. He knew that he could sell it for double that amount. And besides, it was not his first doubtful transaction.

Rostand wanted cash, naturally, so they arranged that Reuss should go to the bank and return in the afternoon with the money.

Reuss paid the money, counting it rapidly, and while Rostand was writing a receipt, he lifted the chalice out of its case and examined it once more with loving scrutiny.

Rostand caught his breath and coughed. There was a knock at the door. Still coughing, Rostand went to open.

"Telephone message for M'sieu Reuss," announced the page. Rostand left the door open and walked back to the table.

"A message for you, M'sieu," he said.

Reuss went to the door and took the note from the boy.

Rostand had just enough time. . .

Reuss came back, shut the doors of the case, and left. The message had said that a client was waiting for him at his office.

Rostand waited for five minutes, and then followed, giving the page the fifty francs he had promised him to bring the message when he coughed.

A duplicate case with Lubin's chalice had been behind the head of the armchair. The substitution had been a matter of seconds, when Reuss's back had been turned.

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Father Hilary smiled, and in his smile there was a yearning, and a thankfulness, and a great understanding.

"A remarkable man, as I said. You see, the next day I received a parcel. You can guess what it contained—the real chalice of Granson. With it was a letter, explaining what he had done.

"Some of Reuss's notes were pinned to the letter. I think I can remember the last paragraph.

"'The one is for your altar,' he wrote, 'the other for the poor of your village. Together they are proof of an old saying—set a thief to catch a thief—and the only way I know how to seek forgiveness.'"

The End

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STARS OLD AND NEW

THRILLS AT THE KING'S

Plenty of thrills are provided in the programmes being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

Three of the most famous personalities of the motion picture and sports world of 25 and 30 years ago are currently seen in "Mr. Celebrity," which heads the bill to-day and to-morrow.

The trio consist of Clara Kimball Young, the screen's first glamour girl, Francis X. Bushman, one of the most popular matinee idols of his time, and Jim Jeffries, whose fistic triumphs in the ring have gone down in sports history. "Mr. Celebrity" is a heart-warming story of a boy whose affection for a down-and-out uncle and a mongrel pup overshadows his chance to live a life of ease. Buzzy Henry is the juvenile star. Also being shown is "Jungle Man," starring Buster Crabbe.

Edward G. Robinson, Marlene Dietrich and George Raft are co-starred in "Manpower," chief feature for the latter part of the week. Robinson and Raft play the roles of a couple of robust linesmen whose dangerous job is to repair broken high tension wires. They are great pals, sharing each other's happiness and troubles, until an alluring blonde, played by Marlene Dietrich, comes along. She appears at her wickedest and most glamorous as a sleek and tawny hostess of a "clip joint" on the Pacific Coast. A thrilling finish is provided to a powerfully dramatic story.

N.F.S. ON THE FARM

HELPING FOOD PRODUCTION

Considerably over a hundred members of the N.F.S. in Thanet are now spending part of their off-duty periods on local farms to help in the country's food production.

The scheme has been taken up enthusiastically and already Ramsgate and Margate sections are each supplying nearly 50 men, while others have volunteered from Broadstairs, Westgate, Birchington and Sandwich.

At present the firemen are engaged in setting out root crops, including sugar beet, which is being grown in increasing quantities in Thanet.

RAMSGATE OFFICER WINS D.F.C.

Son of Mrs. E. F. Robson, formerly of the San Clu Hotel, Ramsgate, and now of Stafford, Acting Flt. Lt. John Curtis Robson, R.A.F.V.R., has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for gallantry in operations against the enemy.

A member of No. 118 Squadron, Flt. Lt. Robson, who is 21 years of age, has been engaged on operational flying since November, 1940.

In addition to a large number of sorties over enemy-occupied country, he has taken part in three daylight attacks on German battleships, displaying great keenness to engage the enemy and setting an excellent example.

HOTEL LOSSES

THREE SOLDIERS FINED

At Margate police court on Wednesday it was stated that since the premises were closed in June, 1940, articles to the value of £141 had been missed from the Regent Hotel, Second-avenue, Cliftonville.

Frederick Anthony, of Ilford, proprietor of the hotel, said that when he visited the premises in April at the request of the police everything was in disorder. Even old rags had been brought up from the cellar and apparently used for packing up glasses and other articles. Blankets and linen were also missing.

Before the court were three soldiers.

Gnr. Samuel Cedric Barnes pleaded guilty to stealing a mattress, two sheets and a pillow case, value £1 11s., from the hotel and also to a charge of looting, although he said he did not realise it was looting.

He was fined £2 on each charge.

Gnr. James Kelly admitted receiving a mattress, value 10s., knowing it to have been stolen, and was fined £2.

Gnr. Walter Sidney Farquhar pleaded guilty to stealing four blankets, two sheets and a quilt, value £5 5s., but denied looting.

He was fined £2 on each charge.

In the case against Barnes it was stated that he went to the Regent Hotel with another man who had since been before another court on a similar charge. He admitted taking the mattress he was sleeping on and that he sent home two sheets and a pillow slip.

Barnes said he took the articles because the other man, at whose request he went to the hotel, was taking some.

Recommended for Commission.

An officer said Barnes, who joined the Territorials in May, 1939, had a perfectly clean record, and prior to this unfortunate incident had been recommended for a commission. The Army wished to retain him.

The Chief Constable said accused was the son of a Dorsetshire farmer and was highly thought of in his home district.

"I don't think the troops realise it is looting to attack premises in this way," added the Chief Constable, "although some officers commanding units have strongly drawn the attention of their men to what is looting."

Kelly was stated to have taken the mattress found in his possession from the basement of the place where he was billeted. He said he had not been in the hotel but admitted he knew the mattress had been removed from some place by another man.

The Chief Constable said defendant, a married man aged 30, had had a clean record since 1931. He also had a clean record in the Army, which he joined in September, 1940.

Farquhar, at whose home at Erith four blankets, two sheets and a quilt were recovered, maintained that he found them in the basement at his billet.

An officer said defendant joined the Territorials in April, 1939, and had a good record.

The Chief Constable said defendant had not been in trouble since he was bound over at Kent Assizes for burglary in 1928. A married man with four children, he was regarded as respectable and satisfactory in civilian life.

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GRANDMOTHER TOPS LIST

RAMSGATE RED CROSS FLAG DAY

Mrs. Todd, of 22 Bright's-place, one of whose sons, Pte. Kenneth Todd, The Buffs, has been a prisoner of war in Germany for two years, headed the flag day collection for the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation at Ramsgate.

Mrs. Todd also has nine grandsons in the fighting services. One, Alan Turner, is a prisoner of war, and another, Stephen Todd, has been reported missing at Singapore. One of her granddaughters is serving in the A.T.S. and another in the N.F.S.

Towards a total of over £86, Mrs. Todd collected £5 0s. 5d.

Other collections included:

Mr. Green, 6s. 4d.; Miss Moys, 10s. 11d.; Mr. Wing, £1 13s. 3½d.; J. Yorath (Effingham Fire Station), £2 3s. 5½d.; Mrs. Adams, £1 1s. 7d.; Mrs. Holthouse (W.V.S.), £1 4s. 6d.; Miss Howells (W.V.S.), £1 13s. 10½d.; Mrs. Hall, £2 15s. 1d.; Effingham Fire Station, £2 9s. 6½d.; Miss LeGallais, £1 16s. 7d.; Mr. Britton, £1 9s. 9d.; Mrs. Nicholls, £1 14s. 2d.; Mrs. Baker, £1 10s. 5d.; Miss Anabona (W.V.S.), 8s. 11d.; Mrs. Nicholls, £1 9s. 10½d.; Miss Foster, 13s. 1d.; Mrs. Pook (W.V.S.), £1 7s. 10d.; Mrs. Shelton, £1 8s. 7d.; Miss Sutton Smith (W.V.S.), £1 2s. 3½d.; Mrs. Haggis (W.V.S.), 6s. 9d.; Mrs. Gummer (W.V.S.), £2 3s.; Miss Turpie (W.V.S.), £1 6s. 11d.; Miss Howells (W.V.S.), £1 14s. 2½d.; Mrs. Neeves (W.V.S.), £3 4s. 4½d.; Miss J. Andrews (W.V.S.), 18s. 1d.; Miss M. Andrews (W.V.S.), 17s. 2d.; Mrs. Barclay (W.V.S.), 6s. 2d.; Miss Mettam (W.V.S.), 3s. 3d.; Miss Robinson (W.V.S.), £1 4s. 6d.; Mrs. McKenzie, 18s. 11d.; Mrs. Ellistone, £1 7s.; Mrs. Morgan (W.V.S.), £1 0s. 6d.; Miss Hunt, 6s. 2d.; Mr. G. Lewis (Northwood Fire Station), 18s. 2½d.; Mrs. Snapes, £1 14s. 3d.; Mrs. Jones (W.V.S.), £1 1s. 6d.; the Mayor, £2 11s. 4d.; Mrs. Sutton, £1 6s. 9d.; Mr. Saxby, 7s. 10d.; Mrs. Siminson (W.V.S.), £1 15s. 6d.; Mrs. Johncock, 7s. 1d.; Mrs. Baker, 15s.; Mrs. Bishop, 14s. 9d.; Caves Cafe, 12s. 8d.; Pte. A. Solly, £1 16s. 8½d.; Miss Cockburn, £1 6s. 11½d.; W. Norris (Town Division), 18s. 9d.; C. Penny (Town Division), 2s. 8d.; Cadet Boddington (Town Division), 14s. 9d.; Sgt. G. Pointer, 6s. 2d.; Pte. C. Buckley, 3s. 2d.; Pte. T. Thomas, 15s. 8d.; Pte. T. Liles, 15s. 6d.; Pte. O'Rourke, £1 0s. 3d.; Pte. J. Parker, £1 3s. 7d.; Sgt. E. Carrett, 12s. 6d.; Pte. Privett, 8s. 8d.; Mrs. Kirkaldie, £1 18s.; D. Thomas (Town Division), 10s.; Mrs. Hawkins (W.V.S.), 6s. 3d.; Mr. E. Carlton (Town Division), 6s. 9d.; Ellington Fire Station, £3 6s. 7d.; Mr. Corfe (Town Division), 10s. 7d.; Supt. A. White, 7s. 9d.; Miss Privett (W.V.S.), 17s.; Pte. Lambert, 14s. 1d.; Pte. W. Sutton, 2s. 3d.; Mr. Digweed, 4s. 9d.; King's Theatre, £2 4s. 8d.; H. Elliott (Town Division), 12s. 8d.; Dawson's Hotel Fire Station, 13s. 10d.; Miss V. Miller, 4s. 2d.; Mrs. Miller, 6s. 3d.; Mrs. Morgan, 8s. 1d.; Mrs. Digweed, 12s. 1d.; Mrs. Tappenden (W.V.S.), £1 3s. 3d.; Mrs. Blinko (W.V.S.), 10s. 6d.; Mr. Dawson, 9s 7d.

The Mayoress, Mrs. A. B. C. Kempe, and the Mayor's secretary, Mrs. Peete, by whom the effort was organised, thank the collectors for the splendid result achieved.

RENOIR CLASSIC

GLAMOUR AT ODEON

Two outstanding films are booked for presentation at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

The loves, the hates, the lives of the unusual people who live near a foreboding, mysterious and unknown swampland are depicted to-day and to-morrow in "The Man Who Came Back." Under the guidance of Jean Renoir, the famous French director, has come to light all the excitement and thrills of the most unusual serial story ever published in America. Walter Brennan as Tom Keefer, Walter Huston as Thursday Ragan, Anne Baxter as Julie and Dana Andrews as Ben are outstanding in portrayals which bring the unusual characters to life just as the author must have conceived them. They are real people who have their loves and hates. Also being screened is "Cadet Girl," with Carole Landis and George Montgomery.

Tropical magic, catchy Cuban rhythms, warm-blooded senoritas and dark-eyed romeos are combined in "Week-end in Havana," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week. With Alice Faye, Carmen Miranda, John Payne and Cesar Romero in the starring roles, the film is set in the capital city of Latin America and shows Havana with all its beauty in the naturalness of technicolor. Alice portrays a New York salesgirl who has carefully budgeted herself for several years in order to treat herself to a Havana vacation. In a magnificent Havana night club, the exotic Carmen Miranda, who has captured the admiration of film audiences in her previous appearances with her unusual songs and dances, does a spectacular new number with 200 feminine dancers—"The Nango." "The Perfect Snob," with Charles Ruggles and Lynn Bari, will also be shown.

CLARENDON HOUSE PUPIL'S DEATH

The sympathy of the staff and pupils of Clarendon House School has been extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. Walkling, of Ramsgate, in the loss they have sustained by the death in hospital at Birmingham of their elder daughter, Barbara, aged 12 years.

Barbara was in her first year of attendance at Clarendon House. She had made numerous friends by her adaptability and happy relationships with all with whom she came into contact, and she had already formed a deep attachment to the school.

She had greatly endeared herself to her foster-parents, to whom, as to her own parents and to the school, the sympathy of many friends, both in Thanet and in Stafford, will be extended.

THREE LORRIES ONLY

Although the Works Committee of Ramsgate Town Council were given executive powers to purchase a total of five new or reconditioned lorries, the Ministry of War Transport has authorised the purchase of three only.

The Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) has placed an order locally for the supply of the lorries.

In order to meet conditions which might arise in an emergency, the Engineer has applied to the Ministry of War Transport for the earmarking of a sufficient number of lorries belonging to Messrs. Hodgman (Ramsgate) Ltd.

The Medical Officer of Health (Mr. J. V. Walker) has arranged for the transport of meals from the British Restaurant to personnel of the Casualty Services on stand-by duty to be effected in future by a 10-h.p. van instead of by mobile canteen, thus securing an economy in the consumption of petrol.

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EIGHT OF FAMILY KILLED

RAMSGATE SOLDIER'S HEAVY LOSS

Sgt. Charles Tift, The Buffs, one of the six active-service sons of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Tift, of Edith-road, Ramsgate, has been heavily bereaved by the raid on Canterbury last week.

His wife, Mrs. Queenie Tift, aged 27, and her 15-months-old son George Stanley Tift, together with six other members of her family, were killed by a direct hit on the house in which they were living.

The other victims were Mrs. Tift's father and mother, Mr. Benjamin Mears, aged 48, and Mrs. Renee Mears, aged 49, Mrs. Dolly Mears, aged 29, Peggy Mears, aged 10, Barbara Mears, aged 2½, and Brian Stanley Mears, aged two months.

Prior to moving to Canterbury the Mears family lived for many years at Ramsgate, first at Leopold-street and later at Paradise.

Sgt. Tift was in hospital at the time of the raid.

Died During Raid

PASSING OF MISS L. ROOTES

Formerly in business in Ramsgate, Miss Lilian Rootes, aged 62, formerly of 41 Spencer-square, Ramsgate, died during the raid on Canterbury.

Miss Rootes had for some time been living with a friend in Canterbury.

In partnership with her sister, Miss K. Rootes, now Mrs. K. Judge, Miss Rootes opened business as a milliner in Queen-street, Ramsgate, in 1898. The business grew and in 1914 larger premises were secured on the opposite side of the road. Miss Rootes disposed of the business about ten years ago.

ESCAPES IN THE RAID

Mr. W. Clayson, formerly manager of the Clifton Arms, Margate, and his wife, who went to Canterbury five years ago to take over an hotel, had a fortunate escape.

When the raid began they went into the cellar. Buildings all round caught fire and Civil Defence workers asked them to leave because of danger to their premises. With burning debris falling all round them they went to a nearby shelter.

Soon after dawn Mr. and Mrs. Clayson returned to the hotel to find the back portion of the premises gutted by fire and little more than the front walls standing. They managed to salvage a few clothes.

Mr. William Alfred Mount, father of Mrs. Bligh, of 85 Upper Dane-road, Margate, owes his life to a Morrison table shelter.

A high explosive bomb which fell in the garden shattered Mr. Mount's home, but thanks to the shelter he escaped without injury. He was the only occupant of the house.

THOUGHT THE WORLD OF MARRIED MAN

RAMSGATE WOMAN ASSAULTED

An admission that she had been the cause of a lot of unhappiness between a man and his wife was made by a Ramsgate woman giving evidence at Stafford police court.

The case was that in which John Alfred Madden, 44, of Railway-terrace, Stafford, was charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on Alicia Phillips, a married woman, who, it was stated, came from Ramsgate to Stafford about 14 months ago.

Medical evidence was given that when admitted to hospital on the night of 9th May, Mrs. Phillips was in a shocked condition. The skin on her nose was split from between the eyes to the tip, and there was a cut an inch long over her right eye, which was bruised. An X-ray examination revealed a slight crack in the bone.

Mrs. Phillips stated that she had been working as a general help at Lammascote House, a boarding establishment. She had been on friendly terms with Madden for about 12 months. At 9.15 p.m. on 9th May she was in her bed-sittingroom with Mrs. Cox, the housekeeper, when the defendatn entered, and inquired where she had been. He caught hold of her by the shoulders, swung her across the room, and struck her over the right eye with his fist.

Cross-examined by Mr. C. Owen, for the defence, Mrs. Phillips admitted that there had been a good deal of unhappiness in Madden's home, and that she was the cause of it.

Mr. Owen: Is it correct that you did not want to take out the summons?—I did not at first. I thought the world of him.

Mr. Owen: And you still think the world of him?—Not now.

Madden stated that his association with Mrs. Phillips had caused a great deal of unhappiness and misery in his home, for which he was now very sorry. When she did not meet him as arranged on the night of 9th May he went to Lammascote House and found the door locked. On looking through the window he saw a man sitting on a table, and Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Cox ran out of the room. When the door was unbolted and he went inside the house Mrs. Phillips made a "dirty remark" to him, and in a fit of temper he struck her without quite realising what he was doing.

Reducing the charge to one of common assault, the bench fined Madden £5, with £2 1s. 6d. costs, and advised him to give more attention to his home.

A NEW VICARAGE

The new Vicar of St. Lawrence, the Rev. J. H. Roundhill, is settling down to the task of adjusting himself to local needs and conditions, and has expressed a highly-appreciative opinion of the wonderfully cheering effect of Thanet's famed air and sunshine after inland town life. Finding that St. Lawrence Vicarage was too big for his requirements, he recently took over Arkers (formerly Pavilla), London-road, and now uses that residence as his parish headquarters. Mr. Roundhill has already made many friends in the town and on Tuesday he ticked off one of his first social engagements by attending the whist drive organised by Ramsgate Toc H.

SOLDIER AND A.T.S. GIRL

Tragic Love Affair

SUICIDE ON SANDS

The tragic story of a young soldier who, after tearing up the photograph of a girl in the A.T.S. to whom he hoped to become engaged, shot himself on Margate sands, was told to the Acting Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) at Margate Town Hall last week.

The Coroner found that the soldier, Pte. Alfred Dawes, aged 19, stationed at Margate, whose home was at 15 Rutland-street, Walsall, took his life while the balance of his mind was temporarily disturbed.

The father, Mr. George Samuel Dawes, said his son was very highly strung and was more advanced in years than his age would suggest. Two or three weeks previously he wrote home saying that he was hoping to become engaged in June. When his son came home on leave a month previously he seemed quite happy. So far as witness knew he had nothing to worry about.

Dr. E. J. Bradley, who saw Dawes on admission to hospital on Thursday evening, said he was suffering from a gunshot wound. A bullet had entered the front of the body, penetrated the right side of the chest, and come out behind. An operation was performed to stop the bleeding. The man's condition improved during the next 24 hours but he then began to fail. A blood transfusion was given but he died on Saturday evening. It was evident that the gun had been discharged with the muzzle close to the body.

Threw Away His Dinner.

Pte. Albert Neale said he and Dawes were billeted in the same room. At the dinner table on Thursday an orderly corporal handed Dawes a letter. He opened it, read it, and then got up. He threw his dinner into the swill bin and walked out of the room without saying anything to anyone.

Witness said he followed Dawes and saw him throw the letter away. He then saw Dawes go to a cupboard from which he took a photograph which he tore into four pieces. The photograph was of a girl in the uniform of the A.T.S.

Continuing, witness said that at 5.45 p.m. the same day Sgt. Bryant came to the billet and asked for Dawes. That was the first witness knew that he was missing. Witness found a writing pad with two letters written on the first two pages. Dawes had never said anything to him about taking his life.

Sgt. N. C. Bryant, who was acting as company orderly sergeant the previous week, said Dawes should have been on defaulters' parade at 5.30 p.m. on the Thursday. Dawes did not turn up and after giving him ten minutes grace, witness went to his billet, where he was told that Dawes went out three minutes before he was due on parade.

After reporting the matter to the company sergeant major, said witness, search parties were sent out immediately but he could not be found.

Shot on Sands.

Acm. R. P. Wainwright, R.A.F., said that at 7.30 on Thursday evening he was walking on Marine-terrace sands with his wife when he heard the report of a rifle from behind the pavilion. Turning round, he saw a soldier lying on the sand near the foot of the sea wall. Witness ran over and the man sat up and said "Help." Witness asked some airmen to fetch a policeman.

Henry Richard Morris, of Grosvenor-place, Margate, a boatman, said he was walking along the sands between Lodge Point and the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital at 5.40 p.m. on Thursday when he saw Dawes standing on the sands. He was holding a rifle. Witness asked him if the soldiers were going shooting, as the fishermen were not supposed to be on the rocks when firing was taking place. Dawes said they were not going shooting and he asked witness for a match to light a cigarette.

Witness said Dawes told him he was "browned off," but he did not know what that meant. Dawes then moved the bolt of his rifle and walked off. He walked away very slowly.

Miss Irene Vera Yeoman, of Prospect-place, Ashford, Kent, said she had known Dawes for three weeks or a month. They were going to get engaged in June. She thought the matter over and decided she did not want to be engaged so she wrote to Dawes and told him so, posting the letter on 27th May.

She told Dawes in the letter that she thought they were being a bit hasty about getting married as they had known each other for such a short time. She felt they would be making a mistake and asked that they should just be friends. In a postscript to the letter she asked Dawes not to do what he said he would do if she gave him up, as that was talking silly.

Replying to the Coroner, witness said Dawes had told her that if she gave him up life would not be worth living and he would do away with himself. She did not think he meant it seriously.

P/C Cook said as he was walking along Marine-terrace on Thursday evening he heard the report of a rifle and saw Wainwright running towards him. Witness went to the sands and saw Dawes lying there. A rifle was between his feet and the wall. As he was obviously badly injured, witness sent for an ambulance for his removal to hospital. From the breach of the rifle witness extracted one spent cartridge case. There were no other cartridges in the magazine.

Last Letters.

Summing up, the Coroner said there was strong evidence to show that Dawes intended taking his own life. In a letter which he wrote to Miss Yeoman he said "Well, if you want it that way, I may as well be dead. There is nothing to live for, so I will say good-bye. Please thank your father and mother for all they have done for me. I shall be dead when you get this letter."

In a letter to his mother Dawes wrote: "This is just a line to let you know that you will not hear from me again, as I shall be dead. You have been a good mother to me. Good-bye, and God bless you."

He was forced to the conclusion, said the Coroner, that Dawes intended to take his life. He thought the balance of his mind was upset by the letter he received from Miss Yeoman, to whom he hoped to become engaged, and that was why he killed himself.

COUNCIL AND PONY

COMMITTEE CRITICISED

A sharp debate was provoked at the meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday by the report on the allotment situation of Mr. R. Clarke, the Parks Superintendent.

Mr. Clarke had pointed out, as reported in our previous issue, that 160 people were deprived of vegetables because a pony was grazing on four acres of land that might be cultivated, and that 40 applications for allotments had not been satisfied.

At the monthly meeting of the Council on Thursday, Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, referring to the four acres occupied by the pony, said the committee had thanked the Superintendent Groundsman for his excellent report but they had not accepted his advice concerning the use of the land. If he were Mr. Clarke he would not, under the circumstances, attach much value to the thanks. He would move as an amendment that the committee should be instructed to consider the use of this piece of land for the feeding of 160 people, and should report. It was possible the committee had considered the matter but the Council had not been told so.

Seconding the amendment, Councillor J. Martin asked if the committee were reluctant to requisition the land. If it was not done quickly it would be of no use for this year.

Councillor Rockingham Smith said the matter had been under consideration by the committee for some time and negotiations were proceeding. The Superintendent Groundsman had done all he could to try and find land for the provision of allotments.

Alderman T. W. Mockridge, chairman of the Parks and Pleasure Grounds Committee, said it was already too late to get the land for this year. Everything was being done to satisfy the demand for allotments, and they would have to take more land. The land on which the pony was grazing would have to be requisitioned and requisitioning of land was not always an easy matter. They had given every consideration to the matter but there were many difficulties. There was other land not far away, surrounding St. Lawrence College, where every difficulty was put in their way of getting the use of it for allotments. He thought if the Council would leave the matter to the committee and Mr. Clarke they would be able to satisfy the requirements of most people.

Councillor Harcourt Samuel agreed to withdraw the amendment, but pointed out that if the information had been given earlier it would have obviated the debate.

Councillor Martin thought the committee might have acted more quickly.

A Little Disappointed.

Councillor Turner said he was a little bit disappointed with the report. He raised the matter the previous month and he thought it would be taken up with greater enthusiasm. He could have pointed out that the pony had been grazing on the four acres for some time. He could have asked why the committee had not requisitioned the land sooner, so that it could have been ready for this year and not next. In every newspaper and on every hoarding they were told to "Grow More Food," and yet they were told in the report that 40 people who wanted allotments had not been accommodated. And there was a pony grazing on four acres of land. Why? He considered the committee was to be criticised for not having acted earlier. They were told in the report that the demand for allotments was growing each year. The report stated that next year the children's playground and the putting greens on the West Cliff were going to be turned into allotments. It was not too late even now to put this land under cultivation this year.

Councillor Turner moved as an amendment that the committee be instructed to prepare the children's playground for cultivation this year.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor A. R. Young.

Councillor O. Hughes said Councillor Turner appeared to have overlooked the fact that the Parks and Pleasure Grounds staff at the present time numbered 15 as against a pre-war strength of about 56. They had cultivated Jackey Baker's. For this purpose they had to get the use of a tractor, which cost them £50. If Councillor Turner considered what had been done he thought he would wonder how it could all have been achieved by 15 men. All these things took time and he considered the Superintendent and his men had done a very good job of work.

Councillor Martin pointed out that whereas the children's playground was on the West Cliff the demand for allotments was mainly from people living on the East Cliff.

Alderman Mockridge said some of the criticism that afternoon had been very unkind. There were few members of the Council who had been round the town and seen for themselves what had been accomplished. He did not believe half of them had read the report fully. He had met officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and their verdict was that Ramsgate held a leading position in the country for growing more food. They had even been asked to take land at Broadstairs and turn it into allotments, because Broadstairs Council had failed to do it.

The amendment was defeated and the report adopted.

MARGATE FAMILIES UNITED

The wedding took place at St. John's Church, Margate, on 30th May, of Mr. Douglas Jack Tolley, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. L. J. Tolley, of Littledene, Old Green-road, and Miss Kitty Mary Paul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Paul, of Three Gables, Holly-gardens.

The choral service was conducted by the Rev. A. Mapson.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a white crepe figured dress trimmed with mauve and pink, with headdress and veil, and carried a bouquet of white clematis and mauve iris. She was attended by Peggy Tolley (sister of the bridegroom), who was dressed in pale blue crepe de chine, and Jeanne Russell (cousin), who wore a gown of white net over silk. Both carried multi-coloured bouquets and wore pale blue picture hats. Mr. L. J. Tolley, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man.

Outside the church the bridegroom's two-year-old nephew, Patrick Butcher, presented the bride with a lucky horseshoe.

The bridegroom presented each bridesmaid with a gold cross and chain and the bride with a brown handbag. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was an everlasting plated calendar.

After a reception at the bride's home the couple left for their honeymoon in London, the bride travelling in a floral crepe de chine dress and coat and hat, with brown accessories.

CAPTURED BUFFS

A War Office casualty list of Buffs who are prisoners of war includes C.S.M. W. Eley, W.O. A. P. Hill, Ptes. C. H. Burton, M. Mace, H. J. Palmer, F. B. Payne, H. Sutton, J. Tamplin and E. J. P. Young.

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"IT was through the W.V.S. that I started Street Groups work. I'd never done anything of the sort before and felt a little nervous to begin with; but it all proved so tremendously worth-while that confidence soon came and now I am Secretary of the Street Groups section of the Totton Savings Committee. That means lots of organising—enlisting secretaries and collectors, you know, and helping them get new groups started wherever they are needed. We've done remarkably well in this district, though I do say it—100 per cent. coverage, no less. That means a Savings Group in every road in Totton ! ! "

Mrs. Fanner makes a point of impressing three rules on the Savings Secretaries who work with her. First, regularity; collections should be made at a fixed time on a fixed day, every week. Second, discretion; every savings transaction, whether a matter of pounds or sixpences, must be absolutely confidential. ("And I must say all my collectors are marvellous about this—it just shows that women *can* keep secrets!") Third, bigger aims; let group members know that Certificates and Defence Bonds can be had, as well as stamps. ("We've collected a lot of money this way, once we've made it clear that we really can look after big sums for our people.")

"In Warships Week, we hit on the idea of asking the Street Fire Watchers to co-operate with the Street Group Secretaries," Mrs. Fanner relates. "That turned out to be a wonderful partnership. How they did it I don't know, but those Fire Watchers brought in an extra £600 in one group alone. Splendid, wasn't it?"

"Once we'd really got going with our Savings Groups, we felt the need of a headquarters somewhere in the town as most of us live a little way out. So we obtained the use of a builders' hut, very rough and ready. Now we've graduated from that and have a proper shop as War Savings Centre—right in the middle of the town. Members of the Council have been particularly helpful to us, and their support and assistance have been invaluable."

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25 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

The announcement that 28,000 shirts for soldiers have been completed at the Ramsgate Shirt-making Centre proves that the depot originated by the Mayoress has been very busily occupied. The period during which the huge total of garments has been made is a comparatively short one but the success of the venture has been so marked that Mrs. Chayney has been asked to add 50 per cent. to the number made each week.

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Mrs. E. R. Dunn is at length to be permitted to take her seat as a member of Ramsgate Town Council and those who have followed the course of events since she was first proposed as a councillor will feel that they have received the award for dogged perseverance. There can be no doubt that the second lady to be elected a member of the Corporation is capable of performing useful public service. It will merely be a continuation and extension of the good work she has already carried out in various other directions.

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A deputation representative of the south-east coast and including the Mayors of Ramsgate and Margate waited on Mr. Ronald McNeill, M.P. for the St. Augustine's Division of Kent, to discuss the whole question of recent raids, the system of defence, both by sea and by air, and the desirability of removing from the towns all aliens of enemy origin. It was suggested by Mr. McNeill that instead of going to the Home Office the deputation should see the Earl of Derby. He promised that if no satisfaction could be obtained he would move the adjournment of the House at the earliest opportunity.

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The Mayor of Margate has notified the total destruction by shell fire on 24th April of the Thanet motor ambulance and it has unanimously been decided to endeavour to raise sufficient subscriptions for the provision of another ambulance to take its place.

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It is announced that the Duke of Sutherland is to succeed Cmdr. Dudley Ward, M.P., at Ramsgate Naval Base. The Duke has already arrived to take up his duties and it is understood that he has taken a house in the neighbourhood of Broadstairs.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. Dray, of Margate-road, Ramsgate, have received news that their son, Pte. Douglas James Dray, of the Royal Fusiliers, has been killed in action, after having gone overseas with a draft only a fortnight earlier.

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Members of Ramsgate Police Force serving in H.M. Forces are P/S Pritchard, P/Cs Champs, Inge, Champion, Robins, Darby, Mockler, Hales, Eden, Swendell, Wale, Stead, Baldwin, Albert Wood, Waters, Buddle, Cossons, Rye, Barrow, Thompson, Dines and Curling, and Provisional P/Cs Rogers, Howard, Hobday, Ralph, J. Kemp, Philpot, Marvell, Fearn, Nairne, Dawes and Foster. P/C Eden has been reported killed.

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Official news has come to hand that Cpl. W. L. Wright, the Black Watch, who was posted missing on 17th August, 1916, is now presumed to have been killed in action on that date.

50 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

TWOPENNY PHOTOGRAPHS

The automatic photographic machine being a comparative failure, "photography" is now being executed by a real artist at Ramsgate Marina and elsewhere at 2d. per head. The representations may not be all that can be desired, but this much may be said for them—we have seen worse for a shilling.

SENTENCED

The ridiculously light sentence passed at Ramsgate last week by Mr. J. Levy on a chimney sweep for a brutal assault on a constable was to some extent counterbalanced on Monday by the smart sentence of three months hard labour passed by Capt. Vaile on an "expert" found in the act of emptying a butcher's till. That the prisoner had confederates there can be no doubt, and for the sake of tradesmen and other probable victims, we trust they may soon be run to earth.

HANKERING AFTER ROYALTY

There is a rumour about that Princess Louise intends to stop a week when she visits Broadstairs. The news is almost too good to be true. We should like to see the Prince of Wales taking a run down during the season, even though he comes incog. In a whisper, it might be a good idea to get a man very like the Prince to put up in all the swell places—that is to say if the proprietors are agreeable—and it would surely not be wrong to allow people to form the conclusion that they had amongst them the genial Albert Edward himself. We all hanker so much after Royalty, that this seems to be the only way out of the difficulty. Perhaps the bold, bad bogus baron might be induced to take on the job.

THE COMBARONS

Correspondence in relation to the attendance of the Mayor and a deputation of councillors at the installation of the new Lord Warden at Dover was read at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council, and the Council proceeded to the election of six Combarons. The members appointed to the ancient and honourable office were as follows: the Mayor, Aldermen Wood and Frost, and Councillors Hammond, Gwyn and Green. The Mayor declined the increase of £100 to his salary offered him at a meeting of the whole Council. He had learned from the Town Clerk of Dover that the Combarons would all have the honour of paying their own expenses.

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WOMEN'S CHAT

FLAVOURS FROM THE GARDEN

Fashions in flavours have changed. We are no longer able to buy unlimited quantities of imported spices and condiments. We are rediscovering the delights of home-grown flavourings.

Now is the time to store garden herbs for winter use. Parsley, mint, sage, thyme, marjoram and winter herbs are the most useful storage crops from the herb garden. When gathered at the right time and carefully dried these herbs will bring a breath of summer freshness to winter food.

Gather the herbs when the young plants are about to flower but not actually flowering. Choose a dry day and leave the gathering as late in the evening as possible so that they have a chance to cool off after the hot sunshine.

Tie small leaved herbs in bundles, having washed and dried them if they are at all dusty, and hang the bundles up near a kitchen stove.

Keep them protected from dirt and smoke with a piece of muslin and when the leaves are crisp they may be stripped from the stalks, lightly rolled or crumbled and stored in labelled containers for use as required.

Strip large leaved herbs from the stalks when you have picked, washed and dried them. Discard shrivelled or diseased leaves. Tie them in pieces of muslin and put the bags or herbs in a cool oven. You could use the heat left over after the oven has been turned out or you could put them on the rack above the stove or in an airing cupboard. Dryings on two or three successive days will not hurt their flavour or keeping qualities.

When dry and crisp roll or crumble the leaves and store.

Parsley needs quicker drying than other herbs. Dip the bundles in boiling water for an instant, shake dry, put the parsley in muslin bags and dry in a hot oven for one minute. Be very careful not to scorch the parsley—put it on the top shelf of the oven well away from the flame.

Cabbage Herby Pie.

Here is a way of using herbs in an old country dish. In days when fresh meat was seldom met with in cottages this pie was very popular.

- 3 breakfastcupsful of flour
- 1 teaspoonful of baking powder
- 1 small teacupful of mixed freshly gathered herbs, consisting mostly of parsley, with one or two sage leaves, a sprig of thyme a leaf of sweet basil, all chopped fine
- 3 tablespoonsful of bacon fat, lard or dripping
- 1 teaspoonful of salt
- 1 large cabbage
- 1 pint of thick gravy

A cupful of bacon scraps if possible

Rub the fat into the flour, add the salt and baking powder and herbs. Mix to a soft dough with cold water and roll out once.

Have ready the best part of the cabbage shredded and cooked for 3 or 4 minutes in boiling water. Line a piedish with part of the paste. Fill with cabbage firmly pressed down, with the bacon chopped and sprinkled between the layers. Cover with a lid of pastry, make a good hole in the centre and cook in a brisk oven for 15 minutes. Then pour some of the gravy through the hole in the top. Cook for 10 more minutes with the heat a little lower. Serve with gravy to which you may add plenty of sliced boiled spring onions if you like a very tasty dish.

When planning a herb patch plant plenty of chives. Small clumps soon grow big and bushy and it is a most useful herb when onions are short. Do not forget fennel, tarragon, borage, and if you look in grandmamma's herbal you will find other old-fashioned herbs mentioned—and many ways of using them.

Wild Herbs.

This is for countrywomen only. If you are an expert at identifying plants, try ransom or Jack-by-the-hedge instead of garlic. Use sorrel instead of lemon, ladys smock for pepper, sweet cecily for caraway. You will find that the wild plants will give flavourings reminiscent of their household counterparts.

FIRE GUARD FILM AT MARGATE

Crowded audiences were entertained by Margate Libraries Committee in cooperation with the Ministry of Information during a recent visit of the M.O.I. film unit to give shows at Christ Church Hall, Westgate, the Royal School, Margate, and the W.V.S. Canteen, Birchington.

The main film, "Fire Guard," produced and acted by St. Pancras A.R.P. personnel during the blitz on London, gave Councillor E. Dixon, local Fire Prevention Officer, an opportunity to make a short speech to Fire Guards and potential Fire Guards present.

An abridged version of "Target for To-night," the epic film of Bomber Command, was also shown.

Councillors E. G. Barrow and C. W. W. Hansen acted as chairmen and the Mayor, Alderman G. P. Hoare, voiced the thanks of the audiences to the Libraries Committee and Ministry of Information.

PETROL AND THE N.F.S.

The Secretary of State has decided that as from 1st June local authorities shall be relieved of responsibility for the supply of motor fuel to the National Fire Service.

BROADSTAIRS

Month's Savings.—National savings invested at Broadstairs in May amounted to £4,768.

Garden Fruit.—Broadstairs and St. Peter's Food Control Committee have decided to take no action this year to set up a committee for the co-operative preservation of garden fruit.

Widow's Death.—Widow of the late Mr. Alfred Perks, of Broadstairs, Mrs. Elizabeth Alice Perks has died at Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, aged 84 years.

Aboard H.M.S. Penelope.—An old boy of St. Peter's School, A/B A. Hewitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hewitt, of Fair-street, Broadstairs, is a gunner serving aboard H.M.S. Penelope, the cruiser which, for a fortnight, was a central target for air attack while undergoing repairs at Malta. The thrilling story of her long ordeal and final escape was recently related in the national press.

Police Shots.—Broadstairs sub-division of the K.C.C. defeated the Special Constabulary by 895 points to 816 in a miniature rifle shooting match at Bohemia on Tuesday. The scores were: K.C.C.—P/C Turner 84, P/C Christmas 71, P/C Smith 91, P/C Reynolds 95, P/C Ellis 89, P/C Sapsford 96, Sgt. Jayes 97, D/C Self 95, Sgt. Enfield 79, Inspr. Hann 98; Specials—S/C Tucker 87, S/C Thirkettle 95, S/C Phillips 95, Sgt. Emms 91, Sgt. Olive 46, Sgt. Harris 90, S/C Lodge 91, S/C Springett 64, S/C Thornton 69, S/C Barker 88.

MARGATE

Seventy Specials.—The authorised strength of part-time special constables for the Margate force has been fixed by the Home Office at 70.

Re-Appointed.—Mr. C. W. G. Barber has been re-appointed temporary school attendance and enquiry officer at Margate, at a salary at the rate of £3 10s. a week, plus war bonus.

Foreman Retires.—Having completed 40 years service, including 25 years under another local authority, Mr. J. Davis, foreman in the Borough Surveyor's Department at Margate, is retiring to pension.

Did Not Sign Hotel Register.—For failing to sign a registration form at the Bull's Head Hotel, Margate, where he stayed for a night in March, Elias Lionel Solomon, of Park Hill-road, Clapham, was fined £1 at Margate police court on Wednesday. It was stated that when the form was placed before him he said he would see about it but he left without filling it up. When interviewed in London, defendant apologised and said he intended to return to the hotel to sign but did not do so.

MINSTER

Welcome Parcels.—A total of over 900 parcels has been despatched by Minster and Monkton Forces Comforts Fund to 167 local men on active service.

Salvage.—During May, 1 ton 13 cwt. 66 lbs. of waste paper was salvaged at Minster. Those mainly responsible for the collection were the Salvage Steward (Councillor G. M. Norton), Councillor Mrs. A. K. Harris and Mrs. Weeks.

Full-Time School.—Full-time education will be resumed at Minster at the beginning of July when additional air raid shelters at the main school are completed. The engagement of two extra teachers is under consideration by the school managers.

A.T.C.—Under the command of F/O R. H. Cooke, Minster Flight of the A.T.C., in which 29 youths have enrolled, is now being instructed in calculations, navigation, morse, wireless and drill. A series of cricket matches against other Thanet flights is also being arranged.

Entertainment.—Two plays, "Heart's Desire" and "Paid in Kind," presented by the schoolchildren under the direction of Mrs. Gilmore, and songs by the women's choir, conducted by Miss Wellard, were popular features of a concert given at Minster Parish Hall last week. Individual items were contributed by Miss Wellard (songs), Mrs. Gore (recitation) and Messrs. Beerling and Cro (piano accordian duets). The accompanists were Mrs. Ffoulkes, Miss Busbridge and Mr. L. Chandler.

Farm Bailiff's Death.—The funeral took place at Minster Cemetery last week of Mr. Arthur Sole, retired farm bailiff, who died at his home, Torestin, Tothill-street, aged 79 years. The son of a farm bailiff, Mr. Sole was for 30 years bailiff at Thorne Farm for the late Mr. F. Marsden Cobb and retired in September, 1936. In April that year Mr. and Mrs. Sole celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Sole is survived by his wife, one son and four daughters. The Vicar, Canon A. W. MacMichael, officiated at the funeral.

Pavilion Damage.—At a meeting of Minster Parish Council on Tuesday the Clerk, Mr. R. C. Young, reported that, although the matter had been placed in the hands of the police, further damage had been caused to the pavilion at the recreation ground. Members present at the meeting were Councillors G. M. Norton (chairman), A. Webb, Canon A. W. MacMichael, the Rev. T. A. Keniry, N. White, C. Beerling T. Spanton, G. J. Terry, A. H. Butcher and Mrs. F. K. Harris.

Food Office Wanted.—At the monthly meeting of Minster Parish Council on Tuesday, Councillor the Rev. T. A. Keniry emphasised the need for the establishment of a branch food office in Minster for the convenience of the public. A local office, he said, would save endless communications with Eastry Rural District Council and would enable the public to obtain far quicker service. On the proposition of Councillor N. White it was decided to write to the local Food Controller with a view to the opening of a branch office. Giving details of the proposed scheme of additional feeding in Minster, Councillor White, a baker, said he attended a recent meeting at Sandwich and all bakers in the district were prepared to cook meat pies and snacks, mainly for the benefit of farm workers.

MILITARY MUSICIAN

Mr. Raymond V. Hacker, chairman of the Ramsgate Chamber of Commerce, now on military service, won first prize in the instrumental section of a musical competition recently organised in Western Command. Two of the vocalists whom he accompanied also came first and second in their section of the competition. Mr. Hacker is a talented pianist who was too infrequently heard on the concert platform in Thanet before the war.

NEW SAVINGS CHAIRMAN

Councillor A. W. Thomson has been appointed chairman of Margate Savings Committee in succession to Councillor C. W. W. Hansen, who has resigned for health reasons.

In May, Margate invested £13,072 in national savings, bringing the total since the beginning of 1940 to £740,846.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at the Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m.

Acting Librarian's Salary.—The salary of Mrs. J. M. Ring, Acting Librarian at Ramsgate Public Library, is to be increased from £2 to £2 10s. per week.

Things We are Wanting to Buy—Old Gold, Silver and Silver Plated goods, Field Glasses and Jewellery, and we offer good prices. Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Engagement Cancelled.—The several parties wish it to be known that the proposed wedding between Miss E. M. England and Mr. J. W. P. Philipps will not now take place and that the engagement has been cancelled.

Whist Drives alternate Thursdays at 7 p.m., commencing 11th June, at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

On the Permanent Staff.—Mr. Mervyn Ellender, temporary legal and general clerk in the Town Clerk's Department of Ramsgate Corporation, has been appointed to the permanent staff of the department at a salary on the maximum of Grade 4 (b) of the Council's scale.

Archbishop's Visit.—The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) and members of Ramsgate Corporation are to attend St. George's Church officially when the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. William Temple) pays his first visit to the church on 19th July.

Health Clerk.—Mrs. Carthew, a driver in Ramsgate Casualty Service, has been appointed temporary clerk in the Health Department at a salary of £2 15s. per week. The salary of Mr. A. W. Bailey, temporary clerk in the department, is to be increased by 5s. to £2 10s. per week.

Fortnight's Savings.—Ramsgate invested £5,485 in national savings during the fortnight ended 30th May. Post Office savings bank deposits accounted for £2,699 towards the total, national savings certificates £991, defence bonds £1,290 and 3 per cent. savings bonds £505.

Courtstairs Lease.—Following the surrender by Mr. G. J. Egerton, under penalty of £500, of the lease of Courtstairs, vacant possession of the premises and grounds has been secured by Ramsgate Town Council. The Parks and Pleasure Grounds Committee have accepted responsibility for the upkeep of the grounds until the end of the war.

J.I.C. Wages.—Ramsgate Council have decided as from 1st May to pay to the staffs employed at the British Restaurants the scale laid down by the Joint Industrial Council, and the manager has been authorised to make the necessary arrangements for the appropriate staff holidays. Three refrigerators have been installed at the restaurants at a cost of £120 11s. 8d.

Back to Police Duty.—The two constables seconded from Ramsgate Borough Police Force for Civil Defence duties are to be recalled for police duties, and one of them will be liable for military service as from 1st July. The Civil Defence Sub-Controller (Mr. S. F. Butler) has been authorised to engage such temporary clerical staff as may be necessary to take the place of the two officers.

Toc H Whist.—In support of the forthcoming appeal on behalf of Toc H War Services Fund, Ramsgate branch of Toc H held a whist drive at Holy Trinity Parish Hall on Tuesday. Although the event was organised at short notice, a pleasantly successful evening was enjoyed by an attendance that ran to 14 tables in play and produced a good financial result. The whist drive was supported by the Rev. A. H. Culmer (Rector of Holy Trinity Church and padre to the Ramsgate branch) and the Rev. J. H. Roundhill (Vicar of St. Lawrence). Mr. B. E. Bushell acted as M.C. The ladies ran away with most of the prizes and the highest scores were obtained by Mrs. L. Pettitt, Mrs. Foord, Miss Pool, and Messrs. Pook and Neal; other prizes were won by Mrs. O'Reilly, Mrs. Griggs, Mrs. Ireland, Miss Furborough and Mr. Horne. The chairman of Ramsgate Toc H (Mr. A. H. Williams), thanking all present for their support, said the whole of the proceeds without deduction would be handed to the Headquarters Services Fund. It is hoped to hold similar gatherings in other parishes of the town later in the season.

HOPEFUL READERS

LOOK FORWARD TO HOMECOMING

More letters from readers renewing their postal subscription to the Advertiser & Echo indicate that while they still look forward eagerly to news from their home towns in Thanet they are also beginning to hope that they will soon be able to return to them.

Extracts from recent postbags include:

"I hope very much that by 1943 Ramsgate will be very busy getting ready for a record season—you all deserve it. I still look for the paper eagerly every Saturday morning, when it takes precedence of 'The Times'!"—From Swindon, Wilts.

"Once again I enclose remittance for Thanet Advertiser. I hope each time it will be the last and that before it is due again we shall be back again in dear old Ramsgate. Once again thanking you for prompt delivery."—From Tonbridge, Kent.

"Thank you so much for prompt despatch. I always look forward to the post Saturday morning and very much enjoy all the Ramsgate and district news."—From Carshalton, Surrey.

"Please accept our grateful thanks for your kindness in sending the paper with such regularity, which is very greatly appreciated."—From Uttoxeter, Staffordshire.

"Enclosed please find cheque for 6s. 6d. for half-year's Advertiser & Echo, which always arrives promptly."—Paignton, Devon.

"I look forward to receiving the paper very much."—From New Cross, London.

"If some of the prophets are right, this should be my last subscription from here. At least I hope so."—From Babbacombe, Torquay.

EX-RAILWAYMAN'S DEATH

His former colleagues of the Southern Railway attended the funeral at Margate Cemetery on Thursday of Mr. Thomas Henry John Webzell, of 21 All Saints'-avenue, who died at Margate Hospital aged 65 years.

Coming to Ramsgate as a young man to act as coachman to a doctor, Mr. Webzell joined the staff of the Southern Railway shortly afterwards. From Ramsgate he was transferred to Margate Sands station, where he rose to the position of goods foreman, and when that station was closed he became passenger foreman at the main Margate station. When he retired after 42 years service he was five years over the age limit.

He leaves a widow, two sons and four daughters.

WESTGATE

Mending a Bicycle.—When Mrs. Jennie Miller, of Essex-road, Westgate, was fined 10s. at Margate police court on Wednesday for allowing a light to shine from a back window at 11.40 p.m. on 19th May, it was stated that her son was in the room mending a bicycle. The light came from a front room, the door of which had been left open. Mrs. Miller said her son had to go to work on the bicycle the next morning.

BROADSTAIRS TRAGEDY

HIGH COURT SEQUEL

A Broadstairs tragedy was recalled in the Chancery Division last week, arising out of an application by the administrators of the estate of Mrs. Harriet Briers, the wife of Mr. Benjamin Briers, of Swinburne-avenue.

Mrs. Briers, who left estate to the value of about £800, made a will in 1931 under which her husband was universal legatee. Mr. Briers made a will in 1934 under which he appointed his wife his universal legatee. Following an inquest held on the body of Mrs. Briers on 11th November, 1940, the husband was, on 4th December, charged with the murder of his wife and committed for trial. On 30th December, at an inquest on Mr. Briers, it was found that he died from natural causes.

Mr. Justice Farwell, giving judgment, said Mrs. Briers died from severe injuries, including a cut throat, no doubt inflicted by her husband, who apparently died from natural causes while awaiting trial. There was nothing to suggest that he committed suicide. The question he had to decide was whether the husband survived the wife and whether he was entitled to benefit under the will of the wife and to take her estate, or whether in the circumstances he was not entitled to benefit under her will, the wife having been murdered or killed by her husband. There was evidence that they lived together in accord for some time. It was almost impossible to get at the state of the man's mind. He found that persons interested in the husband's estate had sufficiently discharged the onus that was upon them and that the personal representatives of the husband were entitled to the benefit accruing from the estate.

REGIONAL DICTATORS

COUNCIL PROTEST

A further protest against the manner in which the Council is dictated to by the Regional Authority was made at the June meeting of Ramsgate Town Council.

The report of the Civil Defence Committee stated that the Regional Architect had drawn attention to the fact that no rest accommodation had been provided for the Report and Control Centre personnel, and after consultation with the Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) he advocated the provision of accommodation in the basement of an adjoining building, in view of its close proximity, and the impracticability of providing such accommodation on the premises. The necessary works were estimated to cost £100.

A later report stated that the Borough Engineer, having discussed the matter with the Sub-Controller, it was felt that the work was necessary and the committee recommended that it should be carried out.

Councillor G. W. Love said he thought it was time they began to put their back up against the Regional Authority. He very much doubted whether the work was necessary. They would be told that it would rank for grant but the money had got to be found just the same. He moved that it be referred back for further consideration.

Councillor H. Farmer said it seemed that the Regional Commissioner ordered what they had got to do and they had no say in the matter.

As a member of the Civil Defence Committee, said Alderman A. E. Petley, he voted against the project. He considered there was a room in the building suitable for the purpose required.

Councillor J. Martin said several members of the committee were of the opinion that it was not necessary and it went very much against the grain. The chief reason put forward for the proposal was that in future they would have to rely largely on voluntary service and they could not ask volunteers to use a room which was not satisfactorily ventilated.

Councillor P. Turner said the expenditure of £100 was not great if it was going to make for efficiency. It was necessary that personnel should be near their work in times of emergency.

The motion to refer the matter back was defeated, and the committee's recommendation approved.

BOWLS

DANE PARK BEAT POLICE

By 81 shots to 39, Dane Park B.C. defeated Margate Borough Police on Tuesday.

Dane Park

H. Foster, H. Street, B. Garraway, A. Munday	27
C. Amos, Sgt. Read, G. Solly, R. Ovenden	31
Mrs. Powell, W. Caton, E. Amos, W. Rickon	23

Police

D/C Tinson, D/C Lilliott, P/C Brisley, P/C Bray	17
D/I Cory, Sgt. E. Norris, W/R Frankish, Sgt. Taylor	7
Sgt. A. Norris, P/C Whitton, Mr. G. Colpus, Sgt. Galer	15

ACES GO DOWN

Dane Park Aces—F. Barnes, H. Howard, A. Bradley—were defeated by the challengers—E. Pettett, W. Paine, E. Marshall—by 21 shots to 18 last week.

Although the challengers led by 11—4 at the tenth end, the Aces recovered well, scoring in eight of the remaining ends, but a six at one end finally gave the challengers victory.

A.T.C. IN THE AIR

CADETS' FIRST FLIGHT

Two Margate A.T.C. cadets, Flt. Sgt. Cadet E. Lawrence and Cadet C. Millar, were taken for half-hour flights in a Miles Magister training plane when they visited a R.A.F. station last week. It was their first experience of service flying.

Other members of Margate Flights had tea with the R.A.F. personnel.

THE NEW RATION BOOKS

The issue of the new food ration books will begin on Saturday but as the distribution will take from two to three weeks, there is no need to become anxious should they not arrive immediately.

As soon as they receive their new books, consumers will be allowed to re-register.

Before the new book can be used the holder's name and address must be clearly written in it.

It is also advised that the new sweets ration book should be folded according to the printed directions, so that the coupons wanted for use on 27th July will be readily available.

MEALS WITHOUT MUSIC

NEWS ONLY AT BRITISH RESTAURANTS

"It savours of blackmail," declared Councillor A. R. Young at the June meeting of Ramsgate Town Council, when the Council had under consideration the question of payment of fees to the Performing Right Society in respect of wireless programmes at the British Restaurants.

A paragraph in the report of the Communal Feeding Committee stated that the Ministry of Food drew attention to the fact that local authorities who installed wireless sets in British Restaurants must obtain as a matter of course the ordinary wireless receiving license and also pay to the Performing Right Society Ltd. fees in respect of copyright musical works broadcast to the public. A scale of fees had been arranged with the Ministry of Food and expenditure incurred in respect of ordinary license fee and fees paid to the Performing Right Society would be regarded as a charge on the running of the restaurants.

The fee payable to the Performing Right Society in respect of each of the British Restaurants at Ramsgate, stated the report, was £4 14s. 6d.

Improper and Wasteful.

Moving that the paragraph be referred back to Council in committee for further consideration, Councillor Young said he considered the expenditure was improper and wasteful and if they had to pay it would have to date back to the time when the restaurants were opened. It would cost them £14 a year for the three restaurants and it savoured of blackmail. If they allowed people in the restaurant to listen to copyright works they would be liable to an action for damages for breach of copyright. What had happened was that the Performing Right Society had approached the Ministry of Food. In his opinion the Ministry of Food had made a very foolish direction and now wished the local authorities to shoulder the burden. It was suggested that they should get into touch with the society and make the payment to them. He thought it was wrong.

They should refer the matter to Council in committee, said Councillor Young, and decide whether they could afford this luxury, and whether the charge was a reasonable one having regard to the fact that there must be about three thousand British Restaurants in the country. Finally he thought they might get into touch with other authorities to find out their views.

Alderman's Abomination.

The circular from the Ministry infuriated him, said Councillor Young. It allowed the impression that there was no choice but to pay. That was quite wrong. It was entirely a matter between the Council and the Performing Right Society.

The reference back was seconded by Alderman A. E. Petley.

Alderman W. T. Smith said he did not consider wireless was necessary, with the exception of the news, which people went there to hear, in the restaurants. He regarded it as an abomination. People were going in and out, there was the hum of conversation, and it was impossible to listen to the music, if it could be called music. He thought the people who used the restaurants would say it was not necessary, and in any case it was on only for two hours each day.

The reference back was carried.

When the matter was later considered in committee, we understand it was decided that the wireless sets should be used for the reproduction of the news bulletins only.

FULL-SCALE EXERCISE

ARMY COMMANDER'S PRAISE

As a sequel to the full-scale exercise which took place in South-Eastern Command recently the Army Commander, Lt.-Gen. B. L. Montgomery, C.B., D.S.O., has issued the following:

"There is one point that has impressed me and that is the way in which the troops have stood up to the demands made on their powers of endurance; often in very unpleasant weather conditions.

"I wish all troops, right down to the individual soldiers in the ranks, to be informed that they have done well. Also, that because they have stood up well to prolonged and continuous operations, we shall get very valuable lessons from the exercise, which lessons will be of the greatest value in future operations against the enemy.

"I wish my personal congratulations to be conveyed to all officers and men and especially to the marching infantry, who always have the hardest time and who have stood up to it splendidly."

FIFTH MILITARY BALL

A very enjoyable evening was spent by about 400 dancers at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on the occasion of the fifth military ball. The proceeds were devoted to the Mayor's Services Comforts Fund.

Music for the dancing was provided by Frederic Hargraves and his Knights of Swing, and one of the most popular dances was the conga.

Prizes won in competition were presented by the Mayoress (Mrs. A. B. C. Kempe), who was accompanied by the Mayor.

RATIONALISING MILK DELIVERY

Milk retailers are asked to attend a meeting to be held at the Council Chamber, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, at 3 p.m. on 18th June.

The meeting will be asked to form a committee for the purpose of preparing a scheme for the retail distribution of milk in the borough.

It is in the interests of all milk retailers that they should attend the meeting, which is being convened by the Local Food Control Committee.

SAVE THAT WASTE

Ramsgate has a good record for saving scrap metal, paper and rubber, and an appeal is now being made for the saving for pig food of all dry kitchen waste.

Bins for the collection of the waste have been placed in various parts of the borough and an appeal, backed by the Town Council, is made to all residents to "save your bacon by saving your waste."

BIRCHINGTON

Library Improvement.—At an estimated cost of £35, alterations are being made on the first floor of Birchington branch library to improve the service for the receipt and issue of books.

GETTING TOGETHER

THE DECLINE OF SNOBBERY

By LYNN DOYLE

At the time of the Great War of 1914/1918 I had a friend, an Irish actor working in London. One morning I overtook him as he was leaving Victoria Station. He was laughing heartily.

"Old boy," he said, to my raised eyebrows, "people pay to look at me, but I can look at human nature for nothing; and it's far the better show of the two. And, being an actor, I can look at all kinds of human nature and talk to them. I'm just after parting with a small second-hand furniture dealer of my acquaintance. He came over to me all dressed up. 'Hello, George,' he says—he calls me George just to show his friends what a Bohemian he is—'do you know where I'm going? I'm going to the booking office over yonder. And where am I getting a ticket for? Switzerland, my lad. Six days in sunny Switzerland, swanking it. Drinking lager beer, and smoking cigars, and listening to the band. I might get away with something, too; only I'm married, and I can't speak Swiss.'

"Going to do a bit of yodelling?" I said.

"'Not me,' he answered. 'Think I want to break my blooming neck?'

"There you are, old boy," said my friend; "human nature simple and unsophisticated, and happy. Don't you be wasting your time and money on theatres. Go and get a license to look on at life, same as I have."

What a Bank Manager Learns.

But I had a license already; for I was a bank manager, and part of my job was mixing with the kindly, friendly, long-suffering lower-middle and working class, who live near the edge of poverty, and never have anything superfluous, and spend their lives cutting and contriving, and enjoy their pleasures so thoroughly because they're so few. They are obliged to be neighbourly, that they may receive and return kindness; and so, without being conscious of it, live life to the full. And the richest and most fulfilling part of their lives is the communal part, no one living his own separate life, but helping other folks to live part of theirs, and being helped in turn. Much of this help is just a cheerful, brotherly heartening word.

If I learned nothing else of value in my business I learned that to live aloof and independent of one's fellow-creatures is to commit suicide as a human being.

Once more, out of strength has come some few drops of sweetness. Out of this vast lunacy of war has arisen, sometimes in unexpected quarters, human brotherhood. Like my dead friend George I love to hear of the world from the lips of the simple. I got talking lately with an old custimer of mine, a small market gardener in the North of Ireland; and here is his message:

Good Even From War.

"There's good in the worst of things, sir, if you have the sense to see it; though to see good in this war a body would need magnifying glasses, and a very willing eye. But I've a sister's son in Britain, and when he gets home he tells me things that please me. People are coming together and getting to know each other's thoughts and lives the way they never did before. All classes travel alike now, and are finding out that there's only one class of folk, too; and that, bar for the coat on their back, and the jingle—or want of it—in their pocket, they're all as like as peas. He told me about the head of the steel manufactory he works in, a regular wee tin god of a fellow in peace-time, that used to walk along the train as if there was going to be nobody in it but himself. Now he comes in among his workers. The morning there isn't a game of solo, he's crying out. He says he never knew before how pleasant railway travelling was; and wishes the journey twice as long.

"Then there's an old fellow that has been a professor in a university, and he saw my nephew peeping through the railings of his garden, and fetched him in and showed him round. And he was that surprised to find a factory hand having an interest and knowledge about shrubs and flowers that he's given Joe leave to walk in of a Sunday any hour he likes; and is sending along slips and plants to the cottagers at the back of his house. He has done harm there, though, Joe tells me. For he gave some gentian plants and a slip of Forsythia to a decent working man with a very upsetting sort of a wife, and she's all puffed-out over it, and turning up her nose at everybody else in the row. Which goes to show that you could never do completely away with class distinction after the war is finished. All the same, there'll be a big change; and the ground has been prepared for change as never before.

No Violent Changes.

"The people of all classes has been forked up together, and manured with common tribulation. I'll hold you, that if ever the war is over, and folks raise the slogan of Freedom and Fair-play, the seed won't fall on stony ground. But there's one other thing that Joe told me; and I wasn't surprised at it. The one man that's as snotty as ever in the morning train is an old fellow that made all his money profiteering in the last war. If the dirt is in you it takes a deal of rubbing to get it out."

I pondered a good deal on what the market gardener had said. The soil of Britain has been worked and cleansed by adversity. But earth and human nature are pretty stable things. There will be no violent changes. Again I quote my friend George, the actor. To the reflective, his words will not, I think, be irrelevant:

"I used to go to a little socialist barber every morning. Now and then I presented him with tickets. I gave him two for a certain performance. Next morning he was enthusiastic 'Mr. T——,' he said, 'you were splendid. And I suppose you know; the King and Queen were there, in a box. I never took my eyes off them the whole night.'"

WAR-TIME TRAVELLER

Back from flying visits to Spain, Portugal and other parts to which travel is now considerably more than an every-day adventure, Mr. Albert Bailey returned last week for a flying visit to Ramsgate, where, until the war called him to a more eventful occupation, he was landlord of the Eagle Inn, High-street. Mr. Bailey has a host of stories to relate of his experiences, including a visit to a bull-fight at Barcelona. What, perhaps, impressed him most was the contrast between the food situation in Spain and Portugal. Spain is fighting starvation. Portugal is a land of plenty.

JAM MAKING

W.V.S. CONGRATULATED

Last summer members of Ramsgate W.V.S. made 1,010lbs. of jam and bottled 79lbs. of fruit.

Tribute to their efforts was paid at a recent meeting of the Ramsgate Food Control Committee, at which it was pointed out that but for their efforts a large percentage of the fruit would probably have been wasted.

The jam was sold to local retailers.

So successful was the experiment that the W.V.S. have again this year undertaken to make jam from surplus fruit at the Gas Department Offices in High-street.

Surplus fruit will be purchased at growers' prices and there is an urgent demand for jam jars.

The hon. secretary of the Garden Fruit Committee is Mrs. Low, from whom all particulars of the scheme can be obtained at W.V.S. Headquarters, Effingham-street.

STREET SAVINGS

NEW GROUPS AT RAMSGATE

The latest campaign of the Ramsgate National Savings Committee is bearing fruitful results.

The object of the drive is to ensure that every street has its savings group.

One of the new groups which have already been formed as a result of the drive will cover the Nethercourt-hill and Nethercourt-gardens area, with Miss K. M. Williamson, Clodgy, Chilton-lane, as secretary, and another has been established at Coleman-crescent, with Mrs. Fox, 180 Margate-road, as secretary. Mrs. Foat, of 3 Bloomsbury-road, is secretary of the new Bloomsbury-road group, and Mr. C. Burton, of 16 Montague-road, of the Montague-road group.

Other groups are in process of formation for Southwood-road, Seafield-road, Queen Bertha-road, Rawdon-road and Salisbury-avenue.

ABSENTEE ARRESTED

At Ramsgate police court on Monday Pte. Maynard Jack Coleman, aged 22, The Buffs, was charged with being an absentee without leave from his unit since 1st June.

D/C Honey said that at 12.30 p.m. the previous day he saw defendant at 21 Marden-avenue. He told defendant he had reason to believe he was absent without leave and defendant replied "I have no explanation to give now."

Defendant was ordered to await the arrival of a military escort.

RISING TOTAL OF SPECIAL AID

A sum of £3,600 in respect of the month of May has brought the total amount of special Government assistance received by Margate Corporation to £182,500.

FORNIGHTLY WHIST DRIVES

The first of a series of fortnightly whist drives in aid of the British Red Cross and the Mayor's Services Comforts Fund will be held at Clarendon House Gymnasium, Ramsgate, on Thursday. Play will begin at 7 p.m.

NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE

Relatives are invited to notify The Editor, "Advertiser & Echo," Church-hill, Ramsgate, of particulars concerning Thanet men serving with H.M. Forces who become war casualties, and concerning whom official information has been received from the appropriate Service Department.

News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.

The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

1d. per word (minimum 1/6)

Pain.—1st June, at Hawarden House, Victoria-road Prestatyn, to Shelagh (née Conolly), wife of Cpl. Geoffrey Pain, Royal Signals, a daughter (Valerie Gaye).

Palmer.—1st June, at the Howard Nursing Home, Maidstone, to Jessie (née Burt), wife of Sgt. Frank Palmer, R.A., the gift of twin sons.

MARRIAGES

1d. per word (minimum 2/6)

Dawes—Taylor.—2nd June, at St. John's Church, Margate, Arthur Robert Dawes to Doris Frances Taylor, both of Margate.

Norcombe—Miles.—30th May, at St. John's Church, Margate by the Rev. D. V. Beckingham, Cpl. Eric Norcombe, R.A.F., to Winifred Miles, both of Margate.

Smith—Johncock.—25th May, at All Saints' Church, Birchington, by the Rev. N. M. Granville Sharp, Charles William Thomas Smith to Florence Mary Johncock, both of Birchington.

Tolley—Paul.—30th May, at St. John's Church, Margate, by the Rev. A. Mapson, Douglas Jack Tolley to Kitty Mary Paul, both of Margate.

DEATHS

1d. per word (minimum 1/6)

Gambrill.—31st May, at 57 Victoria-avenue, Westgate-on-Sea, Ellen Arkansa Gambrill, aged 79 years.

Gould.—30th May, at 107 Byron-avenue, Margate, Charles William Gould, aged 63 years.

Measday.—28th May, Edwin Measday, of 7 Northdown-road, St. Peter's, aged 78 years.

Rootes.—1st June, at 1 Westgate Court-avenue, Canterbury, Lilian Rootes, late of Ramsgate, aged 62 years.

Wood.—1st June, at 54 Waverley-road, Margate Percy Horton Wood, aged 69 years.

Walkling.—30th May, in Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Birmingham, of sleepy sickness, Barbara, aged 12, the dearly-loved elder daughter of James and Ivy Walkling, of Ramsgate, and a pupil of Clarendon House School.

Webzell.—30th May, at Margate General Hospital, Thomas Henry John Webzell, of 21 All Saints'-avenue, Margate, aged 65 years.

RETURN THANKS

1d. per word (minimum 2/6)

Mrs. H. Darby and son wish to thank all kind friends for sympathy and floral tributes.
—Fernlea, Monkton.

IN MEMORIAM

1d. per word (minimum 2/6, 1 verse 3/6)

Hayward.—In affectionate memory of Allen William, beloved husband of Barbara Hayward, who passed away in Rangoon, Burma, on 6th June, 1941.

Paramor.—In loving memory of Harriet Paramor, who passed away on 6th June, 1941, at her residence, Iona, Whitehall-road, Ramsgate, aged 81 years.

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